

# Country Journal

Devoted to the Needs of the Hilltowns

Becket, Blandford, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Otis, Plainfield, Russell, Sandisfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

April 8, 2021 | Vol. 42, No. 50 | 75¢

www.countryjournal.turley.com



Malory Drawe, left, and Autumn Coon-Drawe show off the eggs they were able to find during the Worthington Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 3.

Photos by Shelby Macri



From left, Tristan Maunz-Reid, Caleb Maunz-Reid, Anna Maunz, Chris Reid, and Susan Warner enjoyed the late morning hunt. See story on page 9.

## WILLIAMSBURG

# Voters pass PSC proposal

By Peter Spotts

The first of two votes needed to build a new public safety complex, and takedown the Helen E. James School to make space for it, passed overwhelmingly by a 259 to 48 margin at a special town meeting on Saturday, April 3.

The proposed \$5.1 million dollar project has been in the works for the past six years across multiple committees, who told the residents every option and alternative to the demolition of the HEJ building was looked at before coming to this recommendation.

"We, as a committee, spent the last three years looking under every stone possible...so we wouldn't lose this building," Owner's Project Manager Steering Committee Jim Ayres said.

"The Selectboard is in favor of this project," said Selectman Dave Mathers, who was a 1963 graduate of the school. "None of us took tearing down the building lightly...but it makes sense."

A couple residents who started out this process against the demolition of the building, but changed their stance to support the project also spoke in favor of it during the meeting. Fred Goodhue spoke about the Police Department's move to its current home was supposed to have been "temporary," and that was 25 years ago.

"I am in complete agreement regarding the need for a new Public Safety Complex. It's long overdue," Goodhue said. "I'm saddened it calls for the demolition [of HEJ], but it's a necessary step. I will miss the building, but I still have the memories."

"I'm devastated the James School might have to come down," Jim Moran added. "We can't let the police and fire work under those conditions anymore."

A couple dissenting voices during the discussion raised concerns about the town having the 18th highest tax rate in the Commonwealth, which the project would add to, and

VOTERS, page 16

## HAMPSHIRE

# No vote taken on senior class trip

By Peter Spotts

Hampshire Regional seniors did not receive a ye or nay from the School Committee for their plans to hold a senior trip to camp on Cape Cod next month as the committee needs more information before voting on the proposal.

Principal Kristen Smidy presented the plan to the committee on Monday, April 5. The seniors would travel to Sweetwater Family Campground in Brewster on Sunday, May 23, and return on Tuesday, May 25, spending the nights in individual tents. The trip

TRIP, page 7

## WORTHINGTON

# Affordable housing a citizen concern

By Peter Spotts

Based on personal experience trying to build a home in town, resident Tina McCarthy submitted a citizen's petition for this year's Annual Town Meeting to try and improve affordable housing options in Worthington.

McCarthy has proposed an amendment to the town's zoning bylaws to reduce the minimum frontage required by a principal building or structure from 400 feet to 280 feet to open the option for some parcels in town to be

PETITION, page 9

## CHESTER

# Attitude of gratitude powers century of life

By Mandy Marsh Szkotak

Harriet Gilman's inspiring "attitude of gratitude" has carried her through life for nearly 100 years. A typical self-deprecating Yankee, she does not realize how much her remarkable resilience raises up those around her as she closes in on her 100th birthday on June 4.

Harriet was born June 3, 1921 at the Kelso Homestead where her ancestors settled in 1800. She was the fourth generation Kelso to be born in the big white house on Bromley Road. Her great grandfather, Joseph Kelso, her grandfather John Kelso and her father Leon went to the same one room schoolhouse still stand-

ing on Skyline Trail that she and her brother John attended until they went to Chester High School.

"I had a wonderful farm life growing up on Chester Hill," Harriet said.

She credits her mother, Beth Miller, who was born in North Chester and lived to age 98, with instilling bedrock values of creating a wholesome family life. Her father Leon was a source of quiet good humor.

"My father never grumbled. He was full of fun. I inherited the attitude of enjoying life from my parents who were devoted to each other. My outgoing mother taught

REFLECTING, page 6



Harriet Gilman will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 4.

Submitted photo by Mandy Marsh Szkotak



Harriet Gilman pictured with her husband of 72 years Jim Gilman.

Submitted photo

## CHESTERFIELD

# Committee formed for weed bylaws

By Shelby Macri

A committee has been created to discuss information and different tactics for forging marijuana bylaws in town; these bylaws would provide regulations for prospective marijuana establishments coming into Chesterfield.

This committee proposal was brought up in a previous Selectboard meeting at the beginning of March, followed by a public meeting hosted

BYLAWS, page 12



Becket.....	2
Blandford.....	6
Chester.....	6
Chesterfield.....	12
Classifieds.....	15, 16

Cummington.....	2
Goshen.....	12
Hilltowns.....	2
Huntington.....	3
Middlefield.....	8

Montgomery.....	12
Obituary.....	14
Opinion.....	4, 5
Otis.....	8
Public Notices.....	14

Russell.....	7
Schools & Youth.....	7
Westhampton.....	9
Williamsburg.....	16
Worthington.....	9





# HILLTOWNS

## BBB warns against posting photos of unedited vaccine cards

By Dalton Zbierski

As the COVID-19 pandemic lingers, online scams are evolving, as schemes become more intricate and difficult to avoid. The Better Business Bureau reports that online scams are on the rise.

“They play on fear, they play on uncertainty and what do we have this year? We have a lot of that. It’s perfect for scammers,” said Nancy Cahalen, President/CEO of the BBB Serving Central and Western Mass. and Northeastern Conn., which operates of Worcester.

In 2020, the BBB’s Scam Tracker technology tracked more than 46,000 scams nationally, a 24.9% increase in the number reported in 2019. Online scams played a significant role in the upsurge.

Cahalen encourages residents to rely solely on trusted sources for information. Rather than look to social media, Cahalen recommends seeking COVID-19-related guidance from the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Go to the CDC. Don’t learn about the vaccine from Facebook. It’s really important that people find a trusted site, stick with it and get their information there,” said Cahalen, adding that municipal websites ending in ‘.gov’ are also reliable sources.

Receiving an unexpected email or text message should also warrant suspi-

cion. When presented with a link to an unknown site, never click on it.

“To get an email or text message out of the blue, that should seem a little off. They’ll probably tell you to click on a link to verify information – that’s a common threat as well. Don’t ever do that. The government already has your information, they don’t need it from you. Don’t believe in any of that,” said Cahalen.

At all stages of the pandemic, online scammers have profited off a wide range of schemes. Some request payments, offering priority access to be vaccinated. Others collect a victim’s personal information and use it to steal his or her stimulus money.

Other scammers mail out fake checks that look identical to government-issued paper stimulus checks. Once the victim deposits his or her actual check, the scammer makes contact, claiming to be the government, demanding that some of the money be returned.

Over the past several months, a popular social media trend has popularized posting pictures of vaccination cards, which, unedited, can reveal important personal details.

“Some people just don’t know when to stop sharing,” said Cahalen. “I don’t think they realize that a lot of this personal information can be used to steal their identity. Don’t be posting a picture of the actual card.”

Not all prevalent online scams relate directly to the pandemic. Many scammers post pictures of animals, fabricate a backstory, including the animal’s need for a new home, and then request a below market price and an online payment for the animal.

“A large number of scams pull at the heart strings. Don’t think with your heart. Think with your head,” said Cahalen. “They’ve moved on from puppies to shelter dogs. Sometimes, you’ll hear people say, ‘Don’t buy a puppy; get a dog from the shelter,’ so the scammers hear this too and say, ‘Oh, we can make some money there.’”

Cahalen reported that a local resident was recently robbed of \$25,000, after attempting to purchase a Maine Coon Cat, a rare breed, online.

More and more people are becoming susceptible to online scams, and it isn’t because they are naïve or particularly vulnerable. Cahalen believes that scammers are simply improving and complicating their ruses at an alarming rate.

The BBB’s Scam Tracker can be accessed at [BBB.org/Scamtracker](https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker). The technology collects reports of scams, documenting a myriad of schemes that affect residents all throughout the country.

“We ask consumers if they think they’ve been scammed, or there was an attempt to scam them, to report it. All that information helps law enforcement,



Nancy Cahalen, President/CEO of the BBB Serving Central and Western Mass. and Northeastern Conn., is on the front line in the fight against online scammers.

Courtesy photo

the media and other consumers. We call those consumers who report these scams our ‘Scam Tracker heroes’ because they’re sharing valuable information that will do good,” said Cahalen.

Data collected during 2020 revealed that residents ages 18-25 are more vulnerable to online scams than most other age demographics, further supporting the theory that anyone can fall victim to a ruse.

For more information pertaining to scams, visit [bbb.org](https://www.bbb.org).

## Highland Valley Elder Services announces grant opportunities

Highland Valley Elder Services has released its fiscal 2022-2023 Title III Request for Proposals and is seeking interested bidders to support elders and family caregivers by offering resources and supportive services.

The goal is to support proposals that demonstrate community partnerships and collaborations with the result of providing collaborative services.

Applicants can be individuals, Councils on Aging, local governments, civic groups, schools, libraries, human service agencies, faith-based groups, arts organizations, groups of residents in public and private housing, tenant associations, businesses and any other civically engaged entities with whom HVES can partner to expand the region’s capacity to support citizens of all ages, and particularly seniors and family caregivers.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 31. Information sessions will be held virtually on Monday, April 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. and Thursday, April 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. To attend a session, RSVP to Kelly McCarthy, performance and quality improvement director, at [kmccarthy@highlandvalley.org](mailto:kmccarthy@highlandvalley.org) or 413-586-2000 ext. 596. The meeting link will be sent following RSVP.

Highland Valley Elder Services has identified five areas of heightened priority for grant funding

including Family Caregiver Services, Transportation Services, In-home Support Services, Service to Reduce Isolation, Services to Promote Evidence-Based Trainings, and

Services to support low-income seniors, minority populations, and/or seniors residing in rural communities.

Grant applications that seek to address one or more of these priority areas and demonstrate community partnership will receive additional consideration.

Those interested in applying may visit [highlandvalley.org/rfp/](https://www.highlandvalley.org/rfp/) to complete an application.

Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc. is federally designated as an AAA, a state designated Aging Services Access Point, and works in 24 communities in Hampshire and Hampden counties. HVES’ mandate as an AAA is to promote comprehensive and coordinated resources for elders and their families. Its designation as an ASAP allows it to provide access to resources for home and community-based care. Its mission is to serve older adults and their families through collaboration, education and advocacy, and a range of programs designed to support them where they live.

For more information, or if someone has questions about the application, contact McCarthy at 413-586-2000 ext. 596.

## Little league registration open

The Gateway Little League has opened registration for this year’s spring season including tee-ball, softball, and baseball.

The little league is offering tee ball for ages four to six, while seven- to 12-year-olds can play either softball or baseball. Registration opened on March 28 and parents can still sign up online. There are open spots in some age groups and registration will continue until each age group and division fills. To register, visit [www.gatewaylittleleague.com](https://www.gatewaylittleleague.com), or contact [gatewaylittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:gatewaylittleleague@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

As different age groups are offered, there are specific safety guidelines and protocols regarding equipment and COVID-19. Masks will be required, social distancing, and the sanitizing of equipment to help reduce the speed of COVID during practice and games will all be in effect.

Families and players will be notified of everything by their assigned coach.

Additional protocols will be shared with families at the start of the season and, since there will be no “opening day” this year, parents will instead be notified by their coach when their team’s practices start. There are player limits, though teams are being formed currently and once a team or multiple teams are fully formed a division will close resignation.

Regardless of all the changes to sports with restrictive guidelines and regulations, the Gateway Little League staff are looking forward to a safe and fun baseball and softball spring season. It’s a positive step to hold the spring season just a year after the quarantine and the cancellation of last season. Interested families should visit [www.gatewaylittleleague.com](https://www.gatewaylittleleague.com) and sign up before teams and districts close.

# BECKET

## April workshops at Athenaeum

BECKET — The Becket Athenaeum has several programs throughout April for patrons to enjoy starting with Blues and Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance with Robin O’Herin.

The two-part workshop will take place on Friday April 16 and April 30 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The program will focus on Delta and Piedmont Blues and the poetry of Langston Hughes during the Harlem Renaissance. It will include a musical presentation, slideshow, a study of the techniques used in the poetry of Hughes, and an interactive session in blues songwriting. Pre-registration I required at [bit.ly/BA-robin-blues](https://bit.ly/BA-robin-blues).

On Monday, April 19, at 4 p.m. on Zoom, Rick Stromoski will host Let’s Draw Cartoons. The award-winning and nationally syndicated artist will teach how to draw characters, expressions, and create unique animal characters in this fun and entertaining

program. For more information or to pre-register, visit [BecketAthenaeum.org/events/cartoon-rick](https://BecketAthenaeum.org/events/cartoon-rick).

Learn valuable interviewing techniques and discover unique family history with Augusta Rose’s Preserving Legacy on Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Elders are a living repository of valuable life lessons and insights. Preserving Legacy is a way to capture their stories through attentive listening, and share them with loved ones and future generations. Professional photographer and new Becket resident Rose will guide participants through the process of conducting living history interviews as well as share some examples from her experience facilitating these interviews as part of her business. Pre-register at [bit.ly/BA-preserving-legacy](https://bit.ly/BA-preserving-legacy).

For more information on all programs and offerings at the Athenaeum, visit [BecketAthenaeum.org](https://BecketAthenaeum.org).

# CUMMINGTON

## Marijuana hearing scheduled for May 12

CUMMINGTON — The ZBA will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, to review the application of Jasa Farms LLC for a marijuana establishment on 0 Bryant Road.

The meeting will be held at the Community House and also virtually.

Social distancing and mask wearing will be in effect for those attending the meeting in person.

For a copy of the official public hearing notice, the application, or a link to the virtual sign-in, visit [Cummington-ma.gov](https://Cummington-ma.gov).



HUNTINGTON

Arts Festival targets August return for live music

By Peter Spotts

HUNTINGTON — After cancelling last year due to COVID-19, the North Hall Association is looking to bring musical cheer back to the community with an altered version of its annual Arts Festival.

Peri Sossaman and Nancy Kaminski presented their plan to the Selectboard on Wednesday, March 31, for five concerts on Sundays in August and September to hold concerts outside on the town green.

“The North Hall decided maybe we need to hope to bring back live music to our community with a tentative, scaled down Arts Festival,” Sossaman said.

Concerts would begin at 2 p.m. and last for one hour on Aug. 1, Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 12, and Sept. 19. There will be no ticket sales, concessions, no intermission, and no access to the Stanton Hall facilities. People can come — while wearing masks and social

distancing — and sit on the green to watch the performances and then leave when it’s over. In lieu of ticket sales, donations can be made to North Hall Association.

“Performances would be fair weather only and be canceled due to inclement weather, wind or rain,” said Sossaman. “We’re looking forward to doing this for the community and looking forward to some live music.”

Selectman Roger Booth expressed his one concern about being able to track, under the current state guidelines, a max of 150 people at an outdoor gathering. North Hall concerts previously had a max of 75 attendees due to the capacity limit at North Hall.

“You could end up with more people than you do at North Hall,” Booth said.

The North Hall ladies said without ticket sales there’s no centralized area to monitor how many people have arrived, but some people may come and leave early or show up late, so the number

fluctuates throughout the performance. They are working on finalizing who will perform and will announce the lineup at a future date.

“I don’t see you getting 150 people out there, honestly,” Chairman Ed Renauld said.

“The performers we have that are going to pay are performers that have been at North hall and have been there several times and they are well known by people who like to come to North Hall,” Sossaman said.

Kaminski noted a couple of the weeks will overlap with the music series sponsored by the Huntington Community Events Committee and Huntington Cultural Council, which runs on Thursdays in July and August starting on July 15. Performances are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with no picnic or bake sales. In the case of inclement weather, performances will be live streamed.

“I spoke at length with Vicki Mayhew because we wanted her input,

as well as we just wanted to discuss what we were planning to do, and Vicki is totally no board with what we’re planning to do over the summer,” Kaminski said. “Her question almost at the get go was is this going to be a one-time occurrence? I said this is for this year, 2021; this is going to be in lieu of being able to do our full festival at the North Hall Performance Hall.”

The Board of Selectmen supported the plans and told North Hall to plan to hold their event under the current guidelines and pending approval from the Board of Health. Board of Health Chair Melissa Reid said under the current guidelines there shouldn’t be any issues and if anything changes in the future with the COVID-19 restrictions, the discussion can be revisited.

“You can only [plan] by the rules right now. I would plan it for right now,” Renauld said.

For more information about North Hall, visit northhallhuntington.org.

Make sure each vote counts

HUNTINGTON — As the Town Clerk’s office was certifying voters for people’s nomination papers, they were unable to certify some signatures because there was no such name at the address shown.

Everyone who wishes to vote should contact the clerk at townclerk@huntingtonma.us or 413-512-5209 if they have moved. Although a resident may vote on a Provisional Ballot, if the Clerk’s office can’t find the person on its voter’s lists, they will need to find them in the state VRIS system in order for the vote to be counted. If someone votes by Provisional Ballot and the Clerk is unable to find the voter, the vote will not be able to be counted. The deadline to register to vote in order to be able to vote in the 2021 Municipal Election on May 15 is Wednesday, April 21. Please make sure we have your correct information so your vote will be counted.

If someone is interested in being a write-in candidate for any of the elected positions on the ballot, please notify the Clerk to be put on the list to be submitted to the media soon.

Early voting by mail is open and the application to vote by mail is available for download on the Town’s website, huntingtonma.us, on the Town Clerk page. There will be no in-person early voting in Huntington for this election.

The last day to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, May 11. However, Town Clerk Linda Hamlin strongly suggests voters request their ballot sooner, rather until waiting until the deadline. She also suggests voters utilize the black “Town Clerk” drop box at the back of Town Hall to return their application and ballot kit, as it is faster than processing through the mail, which now usually has to go through Hartford.

NORWICH HILL

The First Congregational Church of Huntington reminds everyone even though our physical doors are closed until further notice, we are most definitely open for worship, praise, ministry, and fellowship. We are an Open and Affirming Church inviting, welcoming, and affirming everyone — seekers, believers, and wonderers alike — on their journey of faith, to join in 10 a.m. Zoom Sunday worship.

Our reading on the Sunday after Easter is from John 20:19-31. It invites us into the story which took place in the evening, on the day of resurrection. We read of the breath of life experienced in the midst of fear and doubt and wonder if we too may experience that breath of life especially in the midst of our fear

and doubt.

The pastor is always available to speak with you. If you do not receive our emails and would like to connect with our Zoom worship service and/or fellowship time, please contact Pastor Carol at firstchurchofhuntington@gmail.com to receive the information you will need to participate or send us a message on Facebook.

Please use the phone numbers and email address provided to stay in touch or to contact the pastor. You are also invited to find us on Facebook at “Norwich Hill” for updates, information, and spiritual encouragement. For more information, please contact 413-667-3935 or 860-798-7771 or firstchurchof-huntington@gmail.com.

WWW.COUNTRYJOURNAL.TURLEY.COM

WASKILLY  
WABBIT!

What’s up Doc?  
These Great Deals!

Tricky Wines, 750ml ..... \$8.99

Bogle Wines, 750ml, All Varieties ..... \$9.99

Frizanti Pink Moscato, 750ml ..... \$6.59

And 10% Off Any Two Bottles

Be very very quiet, we’re hunting WABBIT!

Best Prices in Town • Best Selection • Honest Lottery

HUNTINGTON LIQUORS

21 Russell Road, Huntington (413) 667-3201



Heavy Construction / Civil Site Work Company  
seeking an experienced full time Class A driver.

Applicant must have at least two to three years’ experience operating a tractor trailer unit.

The Class A driver should have experience with hauling and securing heavy construction equipment as well as pulling and operating a lowboy trailer. Driver will be driving a 2002 Peterbilt 18 speed C-15 engine; completely refurbished in 2015 and pulling a 2020 Fontaine 55-ton lowboy.

Competitive rate of pay is based on experience and licensing. Good references, excellent work and driving history are necessary.

This is a full-time position offering very competitive compensation along with a benefit package which includes the following: Partial company paid health insurance; dental insurance, paid time off, paid holidays and we also offer a retirement plan to participate in.

We are looking for people with a “Team Attitude” and a desire to excel. We respect our employees and value them as individuals within our family team; you are not just a number.

Pre-employment drug and alcohol testing is required once offer of employment is made and employment will be contingent on results.

Please send resume or letter of interest you may also email information@Raymakers.com for an application.

*This company is an equal opportunity employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants for employment based on an individual’s race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law. This policy applies to all terms, conditions and privileges of employment, including recruitment, hiring, placement, compensation, promotion, discipline and termination.*

This paper publishes birth, engagement, wedding and significant anniversary announcements free of charge.

Simply log on to our web site, choose the paper you want the announcement to appear in, then use our SUBMISSION link to email your information.

birth  
announcements

engagement  
announcements

wedding  
announcements

www.newspapers.turley.com



# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN

### Conservation Corps, Space age and animal cruelty

April 1 to April 15

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

**I**ntrinsically, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a conservationist, who once said, “the forests are the lungs of our land [which] purify our air and give fresh strength to our people.”

#### HISTORY MATTERS

On April 5, 1933, a year after he was elected President, FDR formed the Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC]; he believed it would put thousands of citizens back to work during “the Great Depression” and ensure the health of America’s woodlands.

Those who enlisted in “Roosevelt’s Tree Army” got \$30 per month, approximately \$600 in 2021 currency, and access to vocational education to facilitate their re-entry into the job market. Enlistment was intended to be only six months, but many of the recruits stayed longer.

According to History.com, “CCC employees fought forest fires, planted trees, cleared and maintained access roads, re-seeded grazing lands and implemented soil-erosion controls. They built wildlife refuges, fish-rearing facilities, water storage basins and animal shelters. To encourage citizens to get out and enjoy America’s natural resources, FDR authorized the CCC to build bridges and campground facilities. From 1933 to 1942, the CCC employed over 3 million men.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Hitch” by Jeanette Ingold.

#### Space age

America’s space age began April 9, 1959, when seven test pilots with “The Right Stuff” were formally presented to the nation as its inaugural astronauts. The “Mercury Project”, as they were known, was composed of Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil “Gus” Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr. and Donald Slayton.

Their goal was to launch a sequence of successfully manned missions to space.

Two years earlier, the Soviet Union had astonished the world, when it put the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, into orbit, but America, resolved to eclipse them, was stunned a second time, when their cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, piloted the planet’s first manned space flight in April 1961, less than a month before Mercury astronaut Alan Shepard, went up in his spacecraft, the Freedom 7.

By then, the hustle for celestial superiority was ramped up with a zing, but the U.S. continued to lag--until 1969, when NASA’s Apollo astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins took “one giant leap for mankind”—and landed on the moon.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Project Mercury: America in Space Series” by Eugen Reichl.

#### Preventing animal cruelty

Henry Bergh was a wealthy man who learned a great lesson when he was given a diplomatic post at the U.S. Embassy in Russia by President Abraham Lincoln. As one account put it, “While in St. Petersburg he

HISTORY, page 14

## Corrections policy

If you notice a factual error in our pages, please let us know, so that we can set the record straight. Email information to [countryjournal@turley.com](mailto:countryjournal@turley.com), or call us at 413-283-8393.

Corrections will be printed in the same section where the error originally occurred.

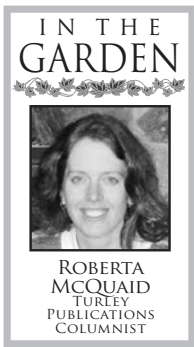


## GUEST COLUMN

### The best way to root stem cuttings

**N**eil, who reads the column in the Wilbraham Times, asked the Garden Lady to write about taking stem cuttings. He enjoyed my commentary on houseplants from a few weeks back and seemed interested in trying his hand at propagating some of his own plants by this method. Here you go, Neil! I wish you loads of success.

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success. First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the “stock plant,” is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting. A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season. Spring is a great time to take cuttings of plants that you’ve



overwintered provided they are growing well. Just this past week I took cuttings of both scented geraniums and rosemary.

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material. Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem cuttings are

taken just after a node. Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant. These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

GARDEN, page 5

### Will my widow’s benefit replace my own?

By Russell Gloor

**D**ear Rusty: My husband is 76, retired for four years, and receiving Social Security. I am only 59 and still working. We are both in good health and I’d like to think we still have many years to enjoy retirement. My question: Is it true that if I start Social Security at 62, I can switch to my husband’s Social Security benefits when he passes? If this is true (and his amount is slightly higher than my FRA amount), wouldn’t it make sense for me to begin collecting at 62? Signed: Younger Spouse

#### SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Dear Younger Spouse: Yes, it is true that if you start your reduced personal Social Security benefit at age 62, and your husband (collecting a benefit higher than your own) predeceases you, you can switch to his higher benefit amount. But there are some other factors which come into play when dealing with survivor benefits, especially with an age difference:

- You must be at least 60 years old to claim your survivor benefit (or 50 if you are disabled).
- Your survivor benefit will be reduced if you haven’t yet reached your own full retirement age (FRA) when you claim it. The reduction is 4.75% for each full year earlier than your FRA that you claim the survivor benefit.
- You do not need to take your survivor benefit immediately upon your husband’s death. Your survivor benefit as your husband’s widow reaches maximum at your FRA, and you can choose to delay claiming your widow’s benefit until you reach your FRA (to get the maximum amount).
- If you claim any Social Security bene-

fit before your FRA (your own or your survivor benefit), and you are working, you’ll be subject to Social Security’s “earnings test” which limits how much you can earn before SS takes back some of your benefits.

Considering the above, if your eventual benefit as your husband’s widow will be the highest benefit you will be entitled to, then claiming your personal Social Security benefit at age 62 may be a prudent strategy. It allows you to collect your own benefit earlier (albeit reduced) until your higher survivor benefit kicks in to replace the smaller amount.

However, your plans for working prior to your full retirement age are key to deciding if you should claim benefits earlier. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$18,960 for 2021), Social Security will take away some of your benefits, which could mean you go without benefits until they recover what you owe. Indeed, if your earnings are high enough, you may find that you would get no Social Security benefits because the amount you owe for exceeding the earnings limit would completely offset your Social Security benefit.

So, as you can see, if you are working with a high income, the earnings limit might imply that waiting until your FRA to claim any Social Security benefit is the smartest move. But if you don’t work after you claim Social Security, then taking your own benefit early and later switching to your higher widow’s benefit at or after your FRA would be a sound choice.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opin-

SECURITY, page 5

## EDITORIAL POLICY

Letters to the editor should be 500 words or less in length. We require letter writers to include his or her name, town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources.

Mail letter to Country Journal, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or mail your letter to: [countryjournal@turley.com](mailto:countryjournal@turley.com).



## Digital Photos

TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.

Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications. Go to [newspapers.turley.com/photo-request](http://newspapers.turley.com/photo-request)

ISSN NO. 0747-2471

## Country Journal

The *Country Journal* (USPS 483-550) is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069.

PATRICK H. TURLEY  
CEO

KEITH TURLEY  
President

EDITOR  
Peter Spotts  
[pspotts@turley.com](mailto:pspotts@turley.com)

STAFF WRITER  
Shelby Macri  
[smacri@turley.com](mailto:smacri@turley.com)

ADVERTISING SALES  
John Baskin  
[jbaskin@turley.com](mailto:jbaskin@turley.com)

SOCIAL MEDIA



@ Country Journal

WEB  
[countryjournal.turley.com](http://countryjournal.turley.com)

**Turley**  
Publications, Inc.  
[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.



OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

HILLTOWN HISTORY

Pass the Poison, Please

By Deborah Daniels

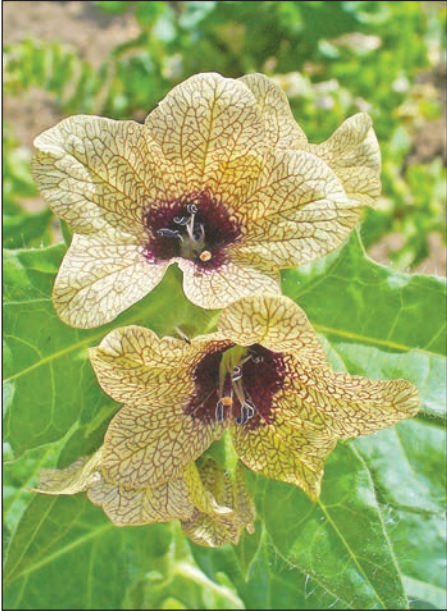
There is a poison garden in England called Alnwick Garden that features intoxicating and poisonous plants. Some plants are displayed in cages to prevent visitors from getting too close to the plant. They have some 95 poison plants thriving there. You might recognize it from the Harry Potter movies that were filmed there. To think of honoring poison plants like that! It seems we have had a long fascination with poison plants in our history. The Medici family in Italy grew poison plants among their garden plants for the purpose of discreetly disposing of their enemies in the 1500s. Socrates, the Greek philosopher was forced to drink wine poisoned with Hemlock that resulted in his death in 399 BC. The Vikings, known as berserkers, were known to use Henbane to induce a rage state before fighting in battles. Henbane is a pretty yellow flowering plant with purple veins, in the nightshade family that will kill you if eaten, and many an early physician resorted to opium and henbane to help with emergency amputations for soldiers in battles. There is a very fine line between poison and pain relief.

So, when out and about hiking in the woods know there are some plants to avoid. First up, consider Water Hemlock. It looks like Queen Anne’s lace and grows along streams, in wet meadows and marshy areas. All parts of this plant are toxic. Its poison compound is cicutoxin that causes convulsions and death. It is closely related to Poison Hemlock a roadside, field margin and ditch plant in the carrot family. It has a hollow stem that can grow to 6 to 10 feet. All parts of this plant are toxic with piperidine alkaloid poisoning. It causes seizures and death if eaten.

Next up are lilies of the valley, those fragrant white bell-shaped flowers that herald spring. Who can forget Muguet Des Bois perfume, a Coty fragrance first made in 1936, so named after Francois Coty’s habit of picking a May bouquet of lilies of the valley for each of his workers? They have 38 types of glycoside compounds that cause conduction disturbances in your heart. How romantic! Also, wild leeks or ramps are gathered in early spring for cooking. They look very similar to lilies of the valley leaves. You can tell them apart by ripping the leaves, a ramp will release an onion and garlic scent, no scent from the lily of the valley leaf. Whew. One other thing, Maybells have a red berry after they flower, and this has enticed children and animals to eat them and suffer dire consequences. You don’t want to dine on these.



Lily of the Valley plant. Online image



Henbane plant. Online image

Jimson Weed or Datura Stramonium is an aggressive weed that grows along roadsides and dung rich livestock fields. It grows 2-5 ft. tall with beautiful white, pink, yellow or purple trumpet shaped sweet-smelling flowers. It contains an atropine compound that can be fatal if enough is eaten. It was used by native Americans in religious ceremonies for its hallucinogenic properties. There is a vivid account of Jamestown soldiers, from Bacon rebellion of the 1600s, who went crazy and had to be protected from harming themselves after using this. Eleven days later they woke with no memories of the past events. Consider how far away medical help is before being tempted to experiment. Jimson weed can be fatal after convulsions,



Alnwick Garden in England. Online image



Jimson Weed found in Huntington. Submitted photo by Deborah Daniels

delirium and hyperthermia set in. While intriguing, some plants have a dark side we have to respect. Edible sampling is never a good idea when out doing your field research! There is no doubt that plants are the basis for new drug discoveries, but it comes with the attendant study by chemists, botanists, pharmacists and doctors to yield that secret ingredient. Celebrate plants. Remember



Poison Hemlock. Online image



Water Hemlock. Online image

all plants are working hard cleaning the air we breathe (of carbon dioxide) every day of the year.  
Do you have a memory or historical curiosity from the Hilltowns that you’d like to share with your neighbors? Send your story and photos to countryjournal@turley.com.

GARDEN

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem. Sand, perlite, and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as “watery roots” will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.  
Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn’t occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom

one-third of leaves from the cutting. If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur, a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that “less is more” when using these products. When you are ready to “stick” the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first; do not push in with the stem! After the cutting is inserted, firm the medium around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location. The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so, roots will begin to

form on the scented geraniums; rosemary may take six weeks or more.  
Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows; likewise, using newly-rooted cuttings together in a mixed planter works well, too.  
Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

SECURITY

from page 4

ions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation’s staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.  
Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.





# BLANDFORD



Parker McLaughlin and his grandmother Doris Jemiolo celebrated Valentine’s Day by searching the town for the signs with letters to spell out a special phrase. The team came in first with the correct letters and phrase.

## Valentine’s winner scores a deck

BLANDFORD – Parker McLaughlin took home the Board of Health prize for finding the letters and signs in the February Valentine’s Day Scavenger Hunt. The phrase was, “We wish Blandford a [Happy] Valentine’s”

McLaughlin’s prize was a three-deck set of Scavenger Cards, one deck each to have a scavenger hunt, directed by the cards, inside, outside,

or in a car. His grandmother, Doris Jemiolo, said he was thrilled with the prize and is enjoying it very much.

It was the Board of Health’s goal to provide some light-hearted fun for residents during February, albeit the shortest month with only 28 days, but also short hours of daylight, and this year, the complications of COVID-19. The Board of Health thanked every-one who participated.

## Church bells ring to bring hope

BLANDFORD — Last year, Easter was very early in the COVID-19 pan-demic, and restrictions about Sunday services were in place. The Archdiocese of Boston last year asked that all church-

es ring their bells for two minutes. Blandford joined in, and the bell in the tower of The White Church chimed for the full two minutes, and the bell rang again this year as a reminder of hope.

## Budget review continues

BLANDFORD — The Select Board and Finance Committee continued its review of the fiscal 2022 budget on Monday, April 5, zeroing in on capital expenditures. The group reviewed departmental budgets the week before. The entire budget will be presented by the Finance Committee at the town’s informational session prior to the Annual Town Meeting rescheduled for June.

The board approved the location of utility poles on Sperry Road.

In a joint meeting with the Water Commissioners, Brian Champiney and Michael Keier, the board appointed Brad Curry to the Water Commission. He will run for the position in June.

In an update on what Steve Hart

considers to be a flawed perc test, the board referred him to the State Department of Environmental Protection with any further questions. As far as their representative, Daniel Kurpaska, who is responsible for Wastewater Management in Western Massachusetts.

Hart also asked about 350 feet of four-inch water main that should be replaced along Chester Road. The Water Department has already replaced 500 feet of what Hart referred to as an 850-foot project. The Select Board referred him to the Water Commissioners.

Select Board Chair Cara Letendre announced that the Recreation Committee has purchased a child’s handicapped swing for the play yard at the Town Offices.

## Bylaws updated for all changes

BLANDFORD — Town Clerk Doris Jemiolo reports that the town’s general bylaws have been revised as of March 2021 and reflect all the changes made since 2016.

The revised bylaws have been posted to the town’s website. Residents may request a printed copy of the bylaws from the clerk by calling 413-848-4279 ext. 203.

## Rabies clinic at animal hospital

BLANDFORD — Blandford Animal Hospital will be hosting a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 24, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Hospital located at 46 Woronoco Road in Blandford.

Please bring each pets’ current rabies certificate. All cats must be in carriers and dogs must be leashed. Shots will be \$20 per shot. Any questions may be directed to the Animal Hospital at 413-848-2057.

## Dog licenses available, expire May 1

BLANDFORD — The new 2021 dog licenses are in and available at the Town Clerk’s office. All 2020 licenses expire on May 1.

All dogs over six months old are required to have a current license. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. Fees

are \$5 for neutered males and spayed females and \$10 non-neutered males and unsprayed females.

For more information, contact the Town Clerk at 413-848-4279, ext. 203 or townclerk@townofblandford.com.

# CHESTER

## REFLECTING

from page 1

me everything,” Harriet said. “The older I get, the smarter my mother becomes.”

Harriet appreciates what she learned from her mother even more with the passage of time. She also learned meaningful life skills from 4H activities in her growing up years including connection to community through church and friendships.

“As I began to lose my peers, I am blessed to have a special friend-a soul sister-to help navigate the late years of my life,” she said.

A deep sense of gratitude is among her great strengths, especially when she speaks of her husband of 72 years. Harriet was a junior at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst when she met Jim Gilman. They married in 1943, the same year she graduated from the university with a degree in home economics. Jim died in 2015, a year after they moved to an assisted living place in Westfield called Armbrook Village.

“I feel so fortunate for the 40 years Jim and I had together running the Kelso Homestead blueberry farm following his retirement as a colonel after 26 years in the Army,” she said.

For the first half of their long marriage, Harriet and their two sons, Jimmy and Lee, lived at a series of army bases in Germany, France, Kansas, Kentucky and Virginia. Jim was an officer assigned to the Pentagon three different times.

“We moved 15 times in those years of his military career,” she recalled.

Soon after Jimmy was born in 1944, Jim went overseas for World War II. Harriet was a single mother with her first baby for two years, a difficult time for her. She lived with her family on Chester

Hill during that trying time. Eventually, she and then two-year-old Jimmy traveled to Germany by ship after the war ended.

Jim was assigned to the Nuremberg War Trials, the prosecution of Nazi Germany leaders who carried out the Holocaust. Harriet sat in on the trials where she witnessed the sight of Hermann Goring, Hitler’s designated successor who was sentenced to death for crimes against humanity. “Goring was a coward who committed suicide the night before his execution,” recalled Harriet.

Harriet taught home economics and elementary school in Fairfax County, Virginia. Later, when Jim was assigned to Vietnam, she worked towards a master’s degree at the University of Maryland.

When her mother became a widow and needed help on the farm, Jim retired from the Army and they left suburban DC for Chester Hill in the 1970s.

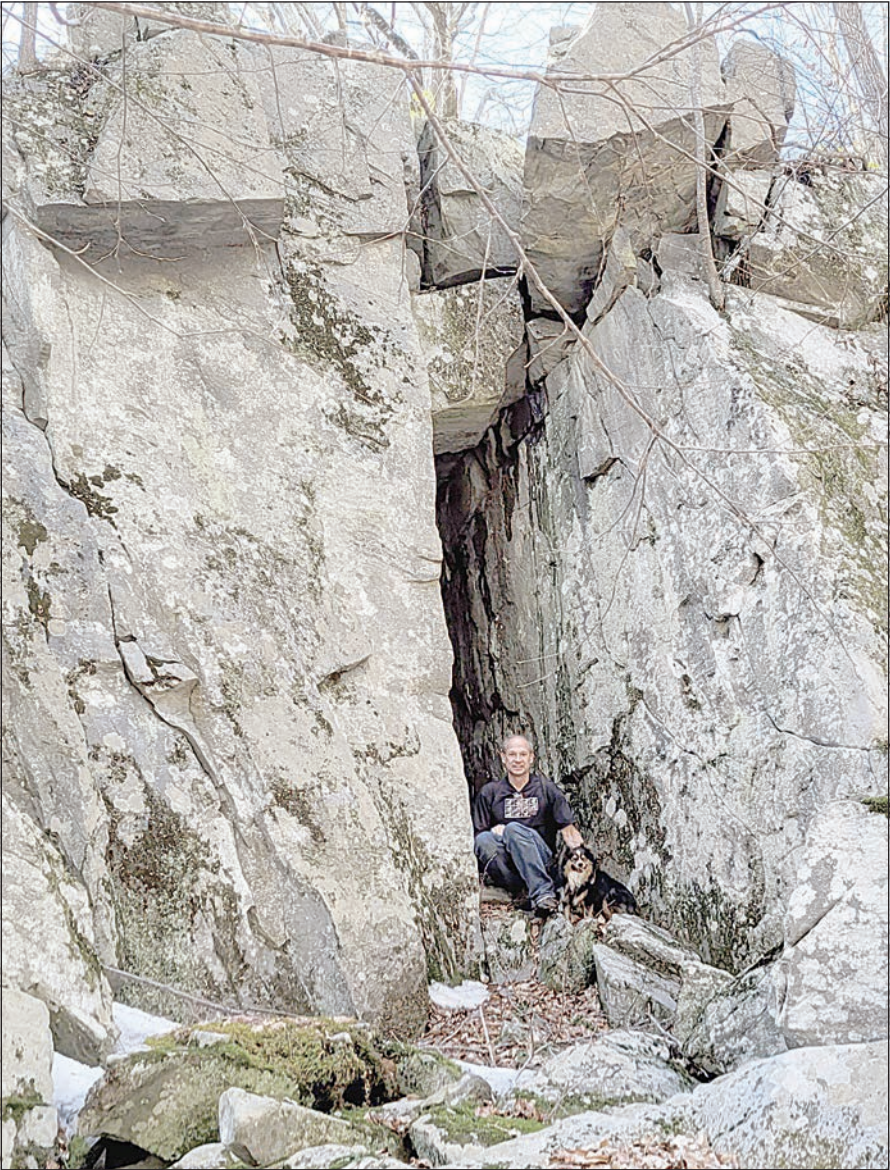
“It was a huge change for us to leave behind all the culture and groups we belonged to in the nation’s capital. I realize all the change and moving around as part of Army life benefitted me. I like change and the new discoveries of moving,” she said.

Her sons and their families are currently debating about the future of the Chester hill farm which has been carefully tended for six generations of the Kelso family. One thing for sure is it will be the site for celebrating Harriet’s 100th birthday in June.

Harriet, a grandmother of six and a great-grandmother of six, is grateful with everything she’s had in her life.

“I am so filled with gratitude for having had Jim for 72 years. I’ve had everything in life you could want,” she said.

## CAVE COMPANIONS



Russ LaPierre and Finley take shelter inside a cave found in Dayville in Chester.  
Submitted photo



RUSSELL

GROUP HIKE



They’re back! The Hilltown Hikers held their first group hike since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic on Saturday, March 27. Hikers visited old Pochassic Road in Russell; the first stop was the Eagles Nest where hikers viewed one of the pair flying over the Westfield River, then the Savage Cellar hole and finally on to the John Murphy Fire Fighter Memorial. As a bonus, the hikers looped around Shatterack Waterfall #1 as it was close by and enjoyed beautiful views of Mount Nero and the Westfield River. The Hilltown Hikers anticipate being back on their normal schedule in April. Middle photo, the first group hike for the Hilltown Hikers stopped at the John Murphy Fire Fighter Memorial in Russell. Right, the hike provided many photo opportunities of beautiful Hilltown woods and scenery.

Submitted photo

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

TRIP

from page 1

has changed over the years from going to Disney to Hershey Park to this as the class tries to find ways to have more members of the senior class participate.

“Considering we don’t know what the travel order will look like, the seniors are planning an in-state trip to the Cape where they’re camping outside with individual tents,” Smidy said. “And I know it sounds crazy, but it did comply with all Board of Health expectations for outside and distance as much as possible, so they’re crossing their fingers that this is considered.”

Committee members had several concerns for the proposed trip. For transportation, the possibility of using buses goes against the current recommendation from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which cautions against trips via bus if the ride is longer than two hours.

“If the seniors are going to take a bus to Brewster that would be more than two hours away,” Interim Superintendent Michael Sullivan said. “So, based on DESE guidance, I think they would frown on that, but I think this would be

an example where we could pay closer attention to our Board of Health than the state to make that determination.”

Peter Cleary of Westhampton had questions regarding the meal situation and if restaurants will be involved. Smidy said she believes class advisors Chris Butler and Kim Palette, who selected the campground for the trip, may be looking at ordering food and having it all delivered to the campground for the students to eat outside and following safety guidelines.

Cleary also expressed his concern of Cape Cod having a higher rate than the rest of the state for a potentially problematic strain of COVID-19.

“Maybe Cape Cod doesn’t want any visitors right now because they’re trying to control their situation,” he said.

Chairman Margaret Larson said she would like more information what activities the students will be engaging in and how they’ll work with the safety guidelines. Many committee members were split between wanting to support the students, but also feeling unsure if the trip is the right thing to do at this time.

“I’m concerned about it too, but I have mixed feelings,” Paul Kennedy said. “Similar to the sports, if people want to take that risk and go forward, they’re doing that anyway.”

“I would be okay of saying let them move forward and present us more information,” said Tammy Walunas. “I myself, now that I know the name, I want to look [at the site].”

The cost for the trip is \$13 per student at the campground with additional costs for food and transportation, which are currently unknown. The committee would like to know the deadline for when the trip needs a decision so if deposits are placed down before an official vote is taken, people won’t lose money.

Williamsburg Representative Collin Black asked if the school could be liable if something happens on the trip with starting a spread. Kennedy also recommended informing parents of students interested in going on the trip of the risk they may be taking.

“I don’t think any more [culpable] than we are for anything else,” Sullivan said.

While the committee waits for more information before deciding on Cape Cod, it did vote to postpone the school trip to Ireland to April 2022. The trip was previously postponed from last year to April 2021, but Tracy Pinkham requested to push it back another year and to open enrollment up again so they can offer the trip to students who wouldn’t have been old enough for the opportunity a couple years ago when it was planned.

Pinkham explained the original group of 40 is down to 13 enrolled, and the trip needs 15 people to maintain private tour status. Previously planned as a trip for middle schoolers, the group is now mostly sophomores and juniors. Anyone who did drop from the trip was able to get a full refund minus the \$300 travel insurance fee.

“My initial goal was we’d have a travel opportunity for Middle School students and now the group has aged out and there’s a segment of our population that hasn’t had this opportunity,” Pinkham said.

Pinkham’s request to postpone the trip to April 2022 was approved.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



**George**  
**PROPANE INC.**  
**PROPANE GAS**  
**PLUMBING • HEATING**  
**(413) 268-8360**  
**TOLL FREE 1-800-464-2053**  
Family Owned & Operated  
3 Berkshire Trail West (Route 9), P.O. Box 102, Goshen, MA 01032  
[www.georgepropane.com](http://www.georgepropane.com)




**WHITING**  
**ENERGY FUELS**  
**Heating Oil & Diesel**  
[whitingenergy.com](http://whitingenergy.com)  
300A KING ST., NORTHAMPTON  
584-3500  
11 CLEVELAND RD., DALTON  
1-800-722-0014




**DOWN TO EARTH**  
**EXCAVATING INC**  
Highly Regarded Professionals: Complete Site Work,  
Septic Development and Repairs. Fully Insured.  
**413 + 667 + 5269**  
Paul & Randy LaPointe, Owners   Huntington, Mass.



**Dale's Structural**  
**& Carpentry**  
Home Improvement • Additions • Restorations • Remodeling  
Timber Frame Homes   Kitchen & Baths  
Residential   Drywall • Paint • Trim Work  
Seasonal Homes & Camps   Windows • Doors  
Garage Repairs   Decks & Stairs  
Carriage & Colonial Barns   Interior & Exterior Finishes  
**Structural Repairs - Wood - Masonry**  
Sagging Floors • Beams • Sill Timbers • Columns • Termites Damage  
Foundation Repairs • Piers & Footings • Chimney Rebuilds  
**413-667-3149**



**Aqua Pumps**  
**WATER SYSTEMS**  
Water Pumps • Sewer Pumps  
Water Conditioners  
46 Pitcher Street   Donald Washburn  
Montgomery, MA 01085   862-3301

**Kirke R. Henshaw, Inc.**  
Water Well Drilling, Water Pump Sales & Service  
Water Testing   System Evaluations  
Water System Repairs  
**HENSHAW**   Hydrofracture to Increase Flow  
800-232-4725 • Fax 413-296-4565  
**Charles R. Henshaw**  
130 Cummington Rd., W. Chesterfield, MA • 413-296-4725



**Hilltown**  
**Cleaning Services**  
Established in 1982 • House Cleaning Plus  
Carpet & Upholstery Steam Cleaned  
Wood Floors, Waxed & Buffed  
No Wax Floors, Stripped & Refinished  
Hauling Trash • Appliance Removal • Pressure Washing  
Gutters Cleaned Out • Cleaning Out Cellars & Attics  
P.O. Box 244   **Phone: (413) 238-5966**  
Worthington, MA 01098   **Fax: (413) 238-0459**  
Carol Labonte  
Paul Labonte



**Jeff's**  
**Oil Burner Service**  
• Tune Ups  
• Installations  
• Oil Tanks  
**Huntington, Massachusetts**  
Office **413.667.0245**  
Cell **413.530.7037**  
[jeffoilburnerservice@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffoilburnerservice@hotmail.com)

**FEED • PET SUPPLIES • CLOTHING • COAL**  
**WOOD PELLETS • WILD & CAGED BIRDSEED**  
**POOL SUPPLIES • MOTOR OILS • FENCING**  
**LAWN & GARDEN SUPPLIES • FERTILIZER**  
**GATEWAY FARM & PET**  
  
59 RUSSELL ROAD, HUNTINGTON, MA 01050  
**1-413-667-2279**   M-F 8am-5pm  
Sat. 8am-4pm  
TARA GRENIER • PAUL GRENIER

**Paul's**  
**Plumbing & Heating**  
**238-0303**  
  
PAUL GRAHAM  
Mass. License 23299

**ARCHITECT**  
**JEFFREY SCOTT PENN**  
77 Worthington Road, Huntington, MA 01050  
Tel. 413w-667-5230  
fax. 413-667-3082  
Email: [jpspsd@verizon.net](mailto:jpspsd@verizon.net)  
new construction, renovation,  
historic preservation

**Contact**  
**John Baskin**  
**to advertise at**  
**413-695-4901**  
**or email:**  
**[jbaskin@turley.com](mailto:jbaskin@turley.com)**



## OTIS

### Explore and Play continues Tuesday

OTIS — Otis Explore & Play will take place every Tuesday beginning on April 6, weather permitting, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Join Nina for this caregiver child program. Meet outside behind the Otis Town Hall in the gazebo for stories and songs followed by creative crafts and play. All staff and families will practice social distancing and adhere to Gov. Charlie Baker's order requiring face masks or cloth face coverings in public places. Please stay home in anyone in a family is sick or has traveled in the 14 days. Extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available at each program.

### Historian hosts hike Saturday, April 17

OTIS — Historian Tom Ragusa is hosting a hike on Knox Trail on Saturday, April 17, in a journey back to the 18th century retracing the steps of 1764 patriot surveyor Nathaniel Austin of Suffield.

The historic Knox Trail was originally an ancient Native American trading path that extended from the Hudson River Valley through the Berkshires. It is best known as a military road that played a crucial role in the Revolutionary War. Earlier this year, the Trail was submitted for consideration for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The rugged Sandisfield section of approximately 4 miles is virtually unchanged.

It was painstakingly mapped by Ragusa after 30 years of research.

The hike will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 17 rain or shine. Participants will meet at the bridge dam at Uppper Spectacle Pond. Access the area via Old Road off Cold Spring Road near Route 23.

Prepare for a rigorous hike through heavy forest where wet conditions are possible; bring appropriate wear, hiking stick, fluids, snacks, etc. The hike will finish where the trail emerges in Otis near Route 8.

To reserve a spot or get more information, contact Ragusa at 413-269-7209 or tommgrapes23@aol.com.

*Social media of the first kind.*

**Turley Publications, Inc.**

www.turley.com



*Community newspapers, still as popular as ever.*

## MIDDLEFIELD

### Caucus letters of intent due May 16

MIDDLEFIELD — The Town Caucus will take place on May 19 and the Town Clerk needs a letter of intent by May 16 with contact information for those interested in running for a position.

The following positions have an open seat for a three-year term unless otherwise stated: Moderator, one year term; Town Clerk; Cemetery Commission; Selectman; Library Trustee; Finance Committee; Assessor; Constable; School Committee; Planning Board, two seats for three-year terms.

### MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Lunch is served at the Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, each Wednesday at noon.

A \$3 donation is suggested. Reservations should be made, and meal choice stated, by calling and leaving a message at 413-623-9990 the Monday before. Pick-up and delivery are available.


The menu on Wednesday, April 14, is pollock crunch with tartar sauce, steamed green beans, au gratin potatoes, cranberry orange muffin, and chilled pears.

### News, photo publication policy

As a community newspaper our focus has always been local news. While we try very hard to run upcoming events as a public service whenever space allows, space does not allow us to run an upcoming event repeatedly. Our policy is to limit publication of upcoming events to one article in advance of the event and, space permitting, a second brief reminder article the week prior to an event, and to run those articles in only one section of the paper, and not in multiple sections simultaneously.

All such public service announcements and photos are subject to space limitations and deadlines, therefore publication cannot be guaranteed. Whenever copy for the week exceeds allotted space, news copy will take priority, and public service copy is the first area to be cut. We also reserve the right to edit for style and space, and are under no obligation to print lists of sponsorships, or articles that arrive after deadline, unless time and space allows.

**Deadline is Monday at NOON, on holidays it is Friday at 2 p.m.**



### We make senior living simple.

Finding and understanding senior living options can be overwhelming and confusing. **Oasis Senior Advisors is here to help, because the right place means everything.**



- Discuss financial options, location and preferences
- Provide a personalized list of local housing options
- Set up and tour communities with you
- Once the right place is selected, we make transitions easy!

**Call for a free in-depth consultation today!**

**Eric Aasheim**  
Certified Senior Advisor (CSA)®  
EAasheim@YourOasisAdvisor.com  
**413-351-6577**

**FREE SERVICE**  
FREE SERVICE FOR SENIORS AND FAMILIES

**oasis SENIOR ADVISORS**  
Because the right place means everything  
Serving Western Mass and Surrounding Areas  
OasisSeniorAdvisors.com/WesternMass



**Joy Salvini**  
Broker Associate  
**RE/MAX COMPASS**

**Experience the JOY of Buying or Selling a Home**

Chester Office: 585 Rt. 20  
**(413) 351-5277**  
email: Joy.Salvini@comcast.net  
Each office independently owned and operated

### ST. JUDE'S NOVENA

May The Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now, and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude, for granting my petition.

M.M.

### NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.



**WHALEN INSURANCE**  
Protecting you is our only business.

**Auto Home Business**

71 King Street  
Northampton, MA 01060  
413-586-1000 • Fax: 413-585-0401  
www.whaleninsurance.com

**BUY DIRECT AND SAVE \$\$\$**

USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN PORK LOIN RIB END or LOIN END ROAST ..... **\$1.49** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS CENTER CUT PORK LOIN ..... **\$1.86** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH PORK BUTTS ..... **\$1.66** lb

**SLICED IN OUR DELI**

USDA INSP. TURKEY BREAST ..... **\$2.99** lb

**SOUP'S ON**

USDA INSP. FROZEN PIG FEET ..... **\$1.99** lb

USDA INSP. FROZEN BEEF FEET ..... **\$1.99** lb

USDA INSP. BONE-IN BEEF SHANKS ..... **\$2.49** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BEEF TENDERLOIN ..... **\$6.96** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN BEEF CHUCK ROAST or STEAK ..... **\$3.83** lb

USDA INSP. GROUND FRESH DAILY 80% LEAN GROUND BEEF ..... **\$2.77** 7 LB BAG

**CUSTOMER PICK OF THE WEEK** USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN TOP BEEF SIRLOIN STEAK ..... **\$3.99** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH 10 LB BAG BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN TENDERLOIN ..... **\$1.66** lb

USDA INSP. FROZEN CHICKEN LEG 1/4S TRAY PAK ..... **39¢** lb

USDA INSP. FROZEN WHOLE CHICKENS ..... **69¢** lb

USDA INSP. FROZEN MAPLE FLAVOR FULLY COOKED SAUSAGE LINKS ..... **\$1.99** lb

**90 Meat Outlet**  
90 Avocado St. Springfield  
**413-737-1288**  
www.90meat.com

**HOURS:** Mon. - Wed. 8-4  
Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3

**SALE DATES:** 4/8/21 - 4/14/21

**BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE**

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Visit us at **www.turley.com**



WORTHINGTON

Easter Egg Hunt returns with happiness and success

By Shelby Macri

WORTHINGTON — The annual Easter Egg Hunt in Worthington returned on Saturday, April 3, after being cancelled last year due to COVID-19.

During a meeting held on March 12 by the Board of Health, the Recreation Committee asked for approval to hold the outdoor event, with COVID-19 safety precautions in place. The committee was approved to hold the egg hunt during that meeting, giving them plenty of time to prepare. Since the committee has held the egg hunt in the same spot for years, it was easy to set up the hunt and prepare for the families.

“Ashley organized getting the

candy and stuffing eggs,” Recreation Committee member Susan Warner said. “Nick, Kate and I with volunteers taped out a larger than usual area and hid the eggs.”

Members Ashley Tompkins, Katie Dahill, and Nick Reid helped with the event this year, focusing on making and hiding the eggs as there were no refreshments to provide.

Due to the pandemic, no refreshments were offered to families and there was also a sign in for contact tracing, which Warner is hoping won’t be needed. According to the list, about 100 people attended and kids were able to find many different eggs with their families. Family members and parents also had fun look-

ing for the eggs, saying that they were glad the event happened regardless of the differences this year.

“I found a lot of eggs, they were hidden farther back,” said Autumn Coon-Drawe.

The committee had a meeting on March 18 to talk about funding for the hunt and to divide jobs for members to do, and since there were less things to do it was easier to manage the event. Warner, Dahill, and Tompkins attended the hunt to make sure things went smoothly as other members had prior commitments; though Warner said it seemed to go well with families.

“It went well, and it was fun, not just for the kids either. We spotted a few eggs

too,” Anna Maunz said, who attended the hunt with her son Tristan.

Tristan added, “I found a huge egg. There were normal size ones, and then I found this bigger one.”

Warner said the committee doesn’t traditionally hold any other events in the spring, but if something comes up, they’ll check with the Board of Health for approval until the pandemic is over. Unlike other years, the committee will need to keep contact with the Board of Health for approval before hosting an event. The Easter Egg Hunt was a success, and it seems that more outdoor town events could be held in the future, with the approval of the Board of Health to ensure the safety of all participants.

PETITION

from page 1

able to subdivide its lot.

“Recently we inquired with the town about subdividing our lot so we could build a house here,” McCarthy said. “It’s actually not allowed. We had been told by the Building Inspector it would be allowed and then it wasn’t. It just really brought to my attention the problem with affordable housing in Worthington because now I can’t find any.”

McCarthy said she’s researched surrounding towns and hasn’t found any communities with higher than 200 feet required frontage and the Worthington has “the most restrictive frontage requirement in the state.”

“That’s not producing what the town needs, which is housing,” she said. “Its restricting housing.”

Selectman Charley Rose said the Planning Board has taken the issue under advisement, but wasn’t planning to propose any changes at this time. The town held an opinion poll about changing the frontage requirements with mixed results. There 31.53% in favor of reducing frontage to 250 feet, 17.63% in favor of lowering to 300 feet, 4.07% in favor of changing it to 350 feet, and 46.78% who want to leave it as is.

“We thought ‘let’s do a poll, see what people think,’” Rose said. “There definitely wasn’t a strong consensus on

an answer.”

“Talking with the planning Board prior to writing this article, I recognize there is opposition in Worthington,” McCarthy said. “There’s a lot of people in Worthington that don’t want people to move here they don’t want new houses built at all...trying to mitigate that, I didn’t choose 200 feet as the proposed requirement; 250 [feet] would’ve been another good option.”

Any resident may submit a petition for the Annual Town Meeting warrant if they get 10 signatures of support. Because this petition proposes a zoning bylaw amendment, the Planning Board must also hold a public hearing to discuss it. This hearing will be held on Friday, April 23, at 5 p.m. virtually. Login information is available on the town website, worthington-ma.us.

McCarthy said she’s never put a petition on an ATM warrant before and she’s excited to go through the process. Even if it doesn’t pass, she’s glad these conversations will be had to draw more attention to an issue she’s passionate about in town.

“I wanted them to move on this. It’s worth a shot,” she said. “Even if it doesn’t pass, the conversation has been started in a way it wouldn’t have been if I didn’t submit this. I hope a lot of people will come out to Town Meeting.”

Attracting birds, butterflies, and other  
beneficials on Zoom Saturday, April 10

WORTHINGTON — A 90-minute power point presentation, will be offered by naturalist and landscaper John Root on Zoom at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

This program describes the essential roles played by birds, pollinators, and other beneficial wildlife in our ecosystem and provides guidance on meeting their needs for food, cover, and water. A variety of plants that nourish these organisms throughout their lifecy-

cles is discussed, and organic methods for establishing wildlife habitat are also presented. Handouts will be downloadable, and comments and questions will be welcome at the conclusion of the program. Hosted and cosponsored by the Worthington Public Library.

This program is supported in part by the Worthington Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

WESTHAMPTON

Four Finance Committee seats  
open at Caucus Monday, April 12

WESTHAMPTON — The Town Caucus to nominate local officials for candidacy to be elected at the Annual Town Election will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 12, 2021 at Westhampton Highway Garage.

The following positions are available for nomination. All positions have one available seat for a three-year term unless stated otherwise: Selectboard;

Board of Assessors; Board of Assessors, two-year term; Board of Assessors, one-year term; Planning Board; Planning Board, two-year term; Finance Committee, four seats; Library Trustees, two seats; Hampshire Regional School Committee; Westhampton Elementary School Committee; Moderator, one-year term; Tree Warden, one-year term; and Constable (Center District).

Not Just  
Septic  
Work...

SEPTIC PUMPING

SEPTIC SYSTEMS  
DESIGNED & INSTALLED

DRAINAGE

GRAVEL & ASPHALT  
DRIVEWAYS

10% OFF  
Any Service  
for Essential  
Workers

**...BUT,  
GOT A PROBLEM  
WITH YOUR  
POOPER?  
CALL...**

COOPER

EXCAVATING  
AND TRUCKING INC.

SITE  
WORK

413-568-3164

Serving Hampden & Berkshire Counties

WWW.COOPEREXCAVATINGMA.COM

Heavy Construction / Civil Site Work Company  
seeking an experienced full time Class B driver

Applicant must have at least two to three years' operating a tri-axle truck. The truck to operate will be a 2012 Kenworth W900, 18 speed with a 600 HP Cummins engine.

Competitive rate of pay is based on experience and licensing. Good references, excellent work and driving history are necessary.

This is a full-time position offering very competitive compensation along with a benefit package which includes the following: Partial company paid health insurance; dental insurance, paid time off, paid holidays and we also offer a retirement plan to participate in.

We are looking for people with a "Team Attitude" and a desire to excel. We respect our employees and value them as individuals within our family team; you are not just a number.

Pre-employment drug and alcohol testing is required once offer of employment is made and employment will be contingent on results.

Please send resume or letter of interest you may also email information@Raymakers.com for an application.

This company is an equal opportunity employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants for employment based on an individual's race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law. This policy applies to all terms, conditions and privileges of employment, including recruitment, hiring, placement, compensation, promotion, discipline and termination.

Family Owned

Since 1985

T.J.  
BARK MULCH  
INC.

Visit TJBarkMulch.com for Coupons

18 Different All Organic Double Ground Premium Mulches

Pine • Spruce • Hemlock • Cedar • Red, Black & Brown  
Playground • Forest Blend • Topsoil • Seasoned Firewood

Now CARRYING DECORATIVE STONE

We are a mulch manufacturer, not a reseller of other people's products. This means no middleman, and you save on the best product around. Come visit us on the web for great deals!

413-569-2400 | 25 Sam West Road, Southwick, MA | 860-654-1975





## Stoneleigh-Burnham School Offers In-Person Day & Residential Summer Camps

GREENFIELD – Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS), an independent day and boarding school in Greenfield, Massachusetts, is pleased to announce in-person day and residential summer camps for equestrians, performing artists, debaters and public speakers ages 7-18. SBS’s signature summer programs are hosted by expert faculty on their beautiful 100-acre campus in Greenfield. The programs emphasize the development of confidence, the acquisition of skills, and the discovery of new talents.

SBS’s Summer Camps begin June 20, 2021 and include Speak Up I, an introduction to debate & public speaking for girls ages 10-13; Speak Up II, an advanced program for girls ages 13-18 with experience in debate & public speaking; Performing Arts Camp, a coed program for students ages 10-18 with an interest in dancing, singing and acting; the premier Bonnie Castle Riding Camp, a riding program for girls ages 8-16 for all skill levels; and a new Horsemanship Day Camp for boys and girls ages 7-12.

Parents and guardians will be able to choose between three choices of camp structure: a day camp schedule from 8am-4pm that includes lunch, an extended day camp schedule from 8am-8pm that includes lunch and dinner, or the weekly residential camp option. There are discounts available for returning families, families who register more than one child, or those who sign up for multiple weeks. Financial assistance for day campers may also be available to those who qualify.

SBS Summer Program Director Heidi Gebo has been directing youth camps throughout Massachusetts’ Pioneer Valley for 20 years. “It’s important for us to be able to offer a diverse array of camp options for students and give families multiple options to help accommodate their work schedules,” said Heidi.

To learn more or to register, please visit [sbschool.org/summer](https://sbschool.org/summer) or email [summerprograms@sbschool.org](mailto:summerprograms@sbschool.org).

*Stoneleigh-Burnham School has (SBS) been preparing girls grades 7-12 & PG for college and the world. SBS is an academic community with an international perspective that inspires girls to pursue meaningful lives based on honor, respect, and intellectual curiosity. Each student is challenged to discover her best self and graduate with the confidence to think independently and act ethically, secure in the knowledge that her voice will be heard.*

**PATHFINDER TECH 2021**  
SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Register online at: [www.PathfinderTech.org](https://www.PathfinderTech.org)

Auto Body

Baking FUNDamentals

Beauty School

Biz Kid Entrepreneurs

First Responders VIP Experience

Junior Chef

Myriad of Media

Robotics Battletcamp

Summer Fun With Art

Woodworking

HANDS-ON FUN FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 3 THROUGH 8!

SESSION DATES:  
WEEK #1 JULY 6-9  
WEEK #2 JULY 12-16  
WEEK #3 JULY 19-23  
WEEK #4 JULY 26-30

REGISTRATION  
BEGINS  
APRIL 1ST

\*YOUTHCAMP@PATHFINDERTECH.ORG  
\*MORNING DROP OFF AT 8:00 A.M.  
\*PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.  
\*AFTERNOON PICK UP 2:45-3:15 P.M.  
\*SNACKS AND LUNCHES PROVIDED

REGULAR PRICE: \$250/WEEK (5 DAY) | \$200/WEEK (4 DAY) | \$800 (ALL FOUR WEEKS) | \$675 (FOR THREE WEEKS)  
EARLY BIRD: \$225/WEEK (5 DAY) | \$180/WEEK (4 DAY) | \$750 (ALL FOUR WEEKS) | \$600 (FOR THREE WEEKS)

**THOMPSONS** QUALITY INSTRUCTION SINCE 1981  
**SUMMER GYMNASTICS**  
[WWW.THOMPSONSGYM.COM](https://www.thompsonsgym.com)

Three black and white photographs of young girls performing gymnastics routines on a balance beam and floor.

**Fun Summer Programs**  
FOR 3 YEAR OLDS AND UP  
p:413-532-0374 e:[tgymnastic@aol.com](mailto:tgymnastic@aol.com)  
200 OLD LYMAN RD., SOUTH HADLEY

**THIS SUMMER,  
YOUR CHILD CAN HAVE FUN  
AND LEARN NEW SKILLS!**

**YouTube Content Creators/FX Masters**  
Develop on-channel presence, branding, editing, graphics and sound effects skills.

**Battle Royale:**  
**Make a Fortnite-Style Video Game**  
Use 3D game development software to design your own!

**ROBLOX Makers**  
Build 3D models and create an adventure in your own ROBLOX world.

**Plus...**

- + Minecraft Redstone Engineers
- + Video Game Animation
- + eSports Apprentice
- + Code Breakers
- + Virtual Reality
- + Javascript Developers

**+ and much more!**

**ONLINE PROGRAMS**  
June 6 – August 16  
Ages 8 – 14  
Visit [hcc.edu/summer](https://hcc.edu/summer)

**HOLYOKE  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**





# Greene Acres for those horse enthusiasts

BELCHERTOWN – Queue the Green Acres theme song because it is true, Greene Acres is the place to be. From the farm’s beauty to the great people, it is an overall fantastic atmosphere and is an exceptional place to go for riding lessons, boarding, and summer camp. The lesson program at Greene Acres accommodates all ages, skill levels, and disciplines, 2 years to 100 years, beginner to advanced, western to english. Horses are taken very well care of by Amanda, the Greene team girls and boarders who are all friendly and don’t ever hesitate to help.

The summer camps give kids the opportunity to learn the same things they would learn by taking a lesson but get the chance to do it all week as well as participate in fun activities such as crafts, games, or just exploring the farm. If you or your child are like me and end up sticking around you will find that Greene Acres is more than just a farm and that the people there are more than just friends. I have learned so much by riding at Greene Acres from horse sense to common sense and life skills. But, the greatest takeaway is that the people at Greene Acres are more than just friends or a team to me, they are family. So, if you are thinking about trying horseback riding for you or your child or looking for a new barn, Greene Acres is the place to go.

# Factors to consider before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers’ lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families’ disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families’ decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they’re more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

### Kids’ interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child’s interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom



and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children’s interests and maturity level.

### Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

### Session length

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they’re accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several weeks might be what they’re looking for.

Summer camps give kids a chance to make memories that will last a lifetime. Choosing the right camp is an important decision that parents and kids should make together.

Greene Acres Equestrian Center L.L.C.

SUMMER CAMPS

July 5-9 • July 26-30  
August 2-6 • August 16-20  
9am - 3pm (lunch not provided)

Basic Horse Care, Daily Riding,  
English & Western, Ages 5 & up

Call to Register (413) 813-9291  
53 Ware Road, Belchertown  
Email: Amanda.greeneacres@gmail.com

Belchertown Day School  
presents

**BELCHERTOWN  
SUMMER FUN**

Children are our top priority!

**ENROLL NOW**

**NEW, LOWER  
PRICING!**

As low as \$31.50/day.

School Age Summer Program for children  
who have completed K-6th grade.

**June 21st - August 27th**  
Space is Limited  
**Reserve your position today!**

For more information, visit  
**www.belchertowndayschool.org**  
(413) 323-8108 and/or email Heidi@belchertowndayschool.org

**Summer  
Camps**

in Performing Arts,  
Debate & Public Speaking

day & residential options available  
sbschool.org/summer

**Adventures Await You  
This Summer at Bement!**

A Traditional Day Camp Experience for  
Boys and Girls ages 4 to 15 years

From Bement’s beautiful campus in Historic Deerfield

**Bement Adventure Camp**

Limited spaces still available in Session 1: July 5 - July 16

**SSAT Prep and Robotics  
Programs also available!**

Please visit our website for  
more information & to register  
**www.bement.org/summer**  
Questions? 413.774.7061

Day & Overnight Options for  
Traditional & Horse Camp Ages 7-16  
Cloverbud Day Camp Ages 4-6 • Leadership Programs  
Mini-Camp Program • Fun Theme Weeks

Join us for a fun, hands-on outdoor summer experience!  
Make friends & memories that last a lifetime!

Financial Aid Available! Visit us online for Rates, Dates & Registration  
www.CampMarshall.net • 508-885-4891 • 92 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA 01562

**SUMMER  
BALLET**

2021

ALL  
CLASS  
SIZES  
LIMITED

CREATIVE  
MOVEMENT  
AGES 4-6  
BEGINNER  
BALLET  
AGES 7-9  
INTENSIVES  
OPEN CLASSES  
TEENS + ADULTS

Massachusetts Academy of Ballet

4 OPEN SQUARE WAY STUDIO 403 HOLYOKE 413 536 6200  
**WWW.MASSACADEMYOFBALLET.COM**



MONTGOMERY

Storyteller returns to library April 22 with new short story

MONTGOMERY — Returning to the Library is Mary Jo Maichack, professional storyteller, offering a new presentation recommended for adults and older teens, a live Zoom reading of “Teddy,” one short story from J.D. Salinger’s Nine Stories, followed by a participant discussion of the work.

The event will take place on Thursday, April 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Paula Long, Director of Grace Hall Memorial Library in Montgomery, will host the event. Previous readings of Salinger tales with Maichack were so popular, the library has added this new program.

Contact the library to get a Zoom link emailed at [montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com).

“All Salinger’s stories are intriguing and often perplexing. His portrayals of children such as Teddy reveal intelligence and wisdom that adults often lack,” said Maichack. “This is a rare opportunity to listen to a great reading by a professional storyteller and to engage with other listener/participants. You can just listen or share any reaction. All voices are welcome.”

Patrons may want to pre-read the stories, but may simply attend the event and listen.

The Salinger readings are a new offshoot in Maichack’s 30-year storytelling career, the springboard for which was

her Bachelor of Arts in English literature from Middlebury College, as well as her family roots. She has performed some 4,000 programs from San Francisco to Vienna, Austria. She has won two national awards for her CDs of storytelling and music, appeared on WGBY-PBS and on the National Storytelling Network, and currently serves as Northeast Regional Director to NSN.

The library is hoping to have a book sale on June 12 with June 19 as a rain date at the Corner School House on Pitcher Street in Montgomery. The library cannot take any book donation at this time. Volunteers are needed for prep and day of, a perfect opportunity for any student looking to fill Community service hours.

The library is looking for fine craft goods, gift baskets, gift cards — to local business if possible — or services for a raffle to support the Library Programming. Please contact the library for more information.

The library is open regular hours —Tuesdays 10- a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — and available for curbside service. Please use the “old” library front door. Check out the library’s newest online service Wowbrary.org to receive all the latest information on new arrivals at the library.

GOSHEN

Sign-up for town trivia by April 16

GOSHEN — Join the Goshen COA for a Trivia Zoom on Friday, April 23, at 1 p.m. In striving to alleviate some of the isolation and boredom we are all experiencing, the Goshen COA is launching Trivia Zoom for all town residents. Participants will have the opportunity to answer questions as in the game of Trivial Pursuit.

To make it more interesting, participants will be asked about their lovely town of Goshen, so read up on town history! Trivia will play for about one hour, cycling through participants several times. At the end of the game, each persons’ score will be tallied to determine the first, second, and third place winners. Prizes in the form of gift cards will be awarded as follows: First Place \$30 to Spruce Corner Restaurant; Second Place \$20 to Oliver’s Farm Stand; Third Place \$10 to The Village Green.

In order to participate, contact Evelyn Culver at 413-268-3316 or [emattkc@aol.com](mailto:emattkc@aol.com) no later than Friday, April 16. She will then provide participants with the ID and Passcode. Space is limited, so don’t delay.

Curbside luncheon available April 13

GOSHEN — The Goshen COA will offer another curbside luncheon on Tuesday, April 13, with pickup from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

The COA will be handing out a baked ham dinner or stuffed chicken breast dinner, with a yummy dessert, brought to the community by Spruce Corner Restaurant and Red’s Bakery. The COA is asking for a \$5 donation. Please call Evelyn at 413-268-3316 for reservations before Wednesday, April 7.

The COA invites seniors to meet at the town parking lot on Wednesday, April 21, at 1 p.m. to walk around, bring a chair to relax in, and have a snack. Everyone will wear their masks and sit six feet apart.

Register to vote in May 1 election

GOSHEN — Goshen’s annual town election will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the John James Memorial Hall, located at 42 Main Street.

A sample ballot can be viewed on the town website, [www.goshen-ma.us](http://www.goshen-ma.us), under News & Announcements. Voters will be asked to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer before entering the Town Hall. Social distancing and other safety precautions will be in place. Voting by Mail is still available due to the pandemic. The application is available at [www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2021-Vote-by-Mail-Application.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2021-Vote-by-Mail-Application.pdf).

If someone is unable to print an application, they may request a vote by mail ballot by writing a letter to the Town Clerk, 40 Main St. Goshen, MA 01032. Be sure to include the name and address, the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot, and the voter’s signature. If someone needs the ballot mailed somewhere other than their home, be sure to provide that address.

The application can be submitted in person, by mail, by drop box, fax, or email. Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27.

Vote by Mail ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk by close of polls on election day. Please contact Clerk Kristen Estelle with any questions at [clerk@goshen-ma.us](mailto:clerk@goshen-ma.us) or 413-268-8236 ext. 107.

The last day to register to vote for the annual town election is Friday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.



CHESTERFIELD

Rabies clinic to be held April 17

CHESTERFIELD — Chesterfield Veterinary Clinic on Saturday, April 17, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Chesterfield Fire House, located at 5 North Road.

This will be for dogs and cats. The fee is \$20 for rabies shot and \$50 for a microchip. Dog licenses will also be available. Spayed or neutered dog licenses are \$5 and for those intact the license fee is \$10. Dogs must be on a leash, cats in a carrier. Folks must wear a mask. For questions, contact ACO/Dog Officer Kelli Wainscott at 413-695-8343 or [aco@townofchesterfieldma.com](mailto:aco@townofchesterfieldma.com).



Three vacancies on May 3 ballot

CHESTERFIELD — The Annual Election will be Monday, May 3, at the Community Center on 400 Main Road from noon until 7 p.m.

There are no contested races, and still three vacancies for the Hampshire Regional School Committee three-year term, one year term, and a vacancy on the Planning Board for a two-year term.

Other positions on the ballot include: Selectboard, three-year term, Roger Fuller candidate for re-election; Assessor, three-year term, Crystal Ames candidate for re-election; Board of Health, three-year term, John Chandler, III. candidate for re-election; Library Trustee, three-year term, Lind Urban-Lyon candidate for re-election; Planning Board, two seats for three-year terms, George Sturtevant and Mark Klitzke candidates for re-election; Chesterfield-Goshen School Committee, three-year term, Geoff Gougeon candidate for re-election; Constable, three-year term, Denise Wickland candidate for election; and Moderator, three-year term, Russ Peotter candidate for re-election.

Contact the Town Clerk to request an absentee or mail-in ballot application at [townclerk@townofchesterfieldma.com](mailto:townclerk@townofchesterfieldma.com)

BYLAWS

by a marijuana company interested in obtaining a Host Community Agreement. During the meeting, residents had questions the Select Board had no answer to in reference to the laws regarding marijuana companies of any sort.

Selectboard members Trish Colson-Montgomery and Don Willard suggested a committee should be created to help create guidelines and bylaws for marijuana companies wanting to enter the community. Both agreed members should be unbiased and have the towns best interest in mind. The board members also decided that since the committee could potentially help to create bylaws, they should be under the Planning Board.

At the Planning Board’s meeting on Monday, April 5, the members discussed the potential committee and mentioned there were three interested volunteers already. Planning Board Member Cj Lammers also said she’d volunteer to be on the committee; aside from her connection to the Planning Board Lammers said she’s already interested in different aspects of marijuana as a business.

“I want to be a part of this committee because I believe cannabis could be an economic engine,” Lammers said. “It’s an option for conservation and economic development that’ll keep the town balanced.”

This started a conversation of the first steps for this committee if it were to be created. The board members agreed there should be a limit of five or six members to keep things organized while still being inclusive. The three people who have volunteered already include a member of the historic Commission, a member of the Farm Bug Group, and

another resident. During the discussion, resident Maya Greene mentioned she would volunteer as a resident, though she is in communication with the Farm Bug Group, and she wanted to make sure there wasn’t a conflict of interest.

The board also discussed having the committee make a survey to send to the town. This would be a way to gauge their reaction to having marijuana companies in town, and how they’d prefer to see the companies in the community. Though there are no specific questions yet, Lammers suggested have a scale of answers ranging from “not very interested” to “very interested” in response. Planning Board Member Skip Valencik agreed that a survey would be a good way to get the community’s broad opinion, in addition to the options and advice of those on the new committee.

Creating a survey and distributing it will be the first step once the committee is created, though this doesn’t need to be rushed.

“I like the steps we’re taking, and I want this done,” Valencik said. “But I don’t want this to be pushed through too fast, I think the committee and survey is a good start.”

A motion was made for the committee to be created and have Lammers report back on it to the Planning Board, during their next meeting. The board planned the next meeting for May 3, though they have to make sure they can hold a meeting on a town election day. Further information will be posted online regarding the next Planning Board meeting, and possibly information on volunteering for the new committee, at [townofchesterfieldma.com](http://townofchesterfieldma.com).

from page 1





# Al's Tire & Auto Repair

When it comes to tires we do it all,  
from wheelbarrows to big rigs.

**MOST MAJOR TIRE BRANDS AVAILABLE**  
**Brakes, Shocks, Struts, Front End Repairs & Alignments**  
**Air Conditioning Service, Check Engine Lights**

918 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mike Morin **562-3391 ~ 562-1704** David Fasser



## Richard's

### FUEL & HEATING INC.

Fueling Generations Since 1966

- Locally Owned & Operated for 50 Years
- Oil Customers - 24 Hour Emergency Service & Automatic Delivery Available
- New System Installations - Mitsubishi Electric Diamond Dealer
- Heating Oil Plus - Maximize Energy Dollars: Keep system running Clean

**79 Union St., Rear 2, Easthampton, MA 01027**  
**413-527-0194**  
Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
13						14				15			
16						17				18			
19					20					21			
			22					23				24	
25	26	27		28				29			30		
31			32		33		34					35	
36				37		38				39			40
	41					42			43		44		
		45						46		47		48	
49	50		51				52			53			
54		55				56					57	58	59
60						61				62			
63						64				65			
66						67				68			

### CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures  
6. Science degree  
9. Database management system  
13. Desert  
14. Inventor Musk  
15. Welsh valley  
16. Round Dutch cheese  
17. Saying  
18. Comedian and TV host  
19. Uppermost portions of the brain  
21. City in Transylvania  
22. Where astronauts go  
23. Men's hairstyle  
24. Indicates position  
25. One point east of due south  
28. Businessmen may have one  
29. Grass part  
31. Running back Gurley  
33. Unwavering

36. Options  
38. Annoy  
39. Greek mountain  
41. Pastas  
44. Fishes  
45. Wrap  
46. Potentially a criminal (slang)  
48. Seize  
49. The Constitution State  
51. Upset  
52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ  
54. Central Chinese province  
56. Predisposition  
60. A notice of someone's death  
61. One-time Kentucky Rep.  
62. Swiss river  
63. Dried-up  
64. Finger millet  
65. \_\_ Allan Poe  
66. German river  
67. Brew

### CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond  
2. Acts as military assistant  
3. Knot in a tree  
4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers  
5. The Ocean State  
6. Point the finger at  
7. Parts in a machine  
8. Midway between northeast and east  
9. Portray precisely  
10. Blister  
11. Mental illness  
12. Nose of an animal  
14. What students receive  
17. Semitic peoples  
20. Beats per minute  
21. Family of drugs  
23. Atrocious  
25. Type of microscope (abbr.)

26. \_\_ or bust  
27. Icelandic poems  
29. A citizen of Pakistan  
30. Very pale  
32. Metric linear unit  
34. Sea eagle  
35. Biblical judge of Israel  
37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)  
40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)  
42. Cool!  
43. Large hotel room  
47. Type of boat (abbr.)  
49. Picked  
50. Type of hookah  
52. Attack  
53. Directs  
55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter  
56. Finished negotiation  
57. Heroic tale  
58. Middle Eastern country  
59. Protein-rich liquids  
61. Malaysian Isthmus  
65. Spielberg's alien

# THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

### ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Now may be a great time to reevaluate your finances, Aries. Investments could be the right path for now, but you may want to seek some professional advice.

### CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, frustrations could arise that make you want to vent some anger. Channel your energy into something productive, such as a kickboxing class.

### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Avoid any drama or chaos that may surround you this week, Libra. Others may seem on edge, but you can remain calm. Quarantine yourself at home and the storm will blow over.

### CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

This may not be a good week to travel, Capricorn. Look over your itinerary again and try to reconfigure them so you can travel later on instead.

### AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, trust your gut instinct about big financial moves regardless of any advice you're getting from others. You'll likely see that now isn't the time for spending.

### SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, even though a few setbacks come your way, your financial situation still looks very promising this week. Figure out how to capitalize on this favorable position.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You are usually laid back and calm, Sagittarius. However, when something goes against your beliefs this week you are ready to stand up for morals or concerns.

### VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, do your best to lighten the atmosphere around the house this week. Encourage others to kick up their heels and keep the focus on fun and fun alone.

### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, expect to engage in a very interesting conversation this week. This person has not crossed your path in a while, and the reconnection sparks new goals.

2			3					8
						1		
		5		8	1			
	7				2		9	1
	4			7	5			
	6	2						
4				3				
	1		7	4		5		6

# SUDOKU

**Fun By The Numbers**

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

# answers

V	N	V	S	T		E	L	V		E	R	E	D	E
H	V	G	D	G		I	G	V		E	R	E	B	O
E	B	V	V		E	N	E	E		K		I	B	O
S	I	S	E	H	T	V	I	D		H	E	P	E	H
			H	C	T	S		D	V	M				C
B	V	N		S	C	U	S		N	V	V	S		
S	T	E			S	I	N	O	V	C	V	M		
S	O	H	T	V		K	R	I		S	E	D	O	M
	T	S	V	I	D	V		T	S		D	O	O	T
	V	E	T	V		P	V	B	M					S
T	V		N	U	B		E	C	O	V	d	S		
U	I	B	I	S		S	W	N	D	B	B	E	R	E
O	N	E	T		E	G	V	D	V		W	V	D	C
N	V	T	E		N	O	T	E		I	V	N	I	S
S	M	B	D		E	C	B			R	E	K	V	M

9	2	5	8	4	7	6	1	3
6	1	8	9	3	2	7	5	4
4	7	3	6	1	5	2	9	8
3	8	2	5	7	1	9	4	6
1	6	4	2	9	8	3	7	5
7	5	9	3	6	4	8	2	1
2	4	6	1	8	9	5	3	7
5	3	1	7	2	6	4	8	9
8	9	7	4	5	3	1	6	2

## WESTFIELD AUTO PARTS INC



### AUTO PARTS & SUPPLIES

## NATIONALLY ADVERTISED MERCHANDISE FOR ALL MAKES & MODELS

# WHOLESALE

# RETAIL

★ Complete Auto Machine Shop Service   ★ Engine Rebuilding Of All Kinds

★ Authorized Caterpillar Hydraulic Hose Dealer   ★ Hydraulic Hoses

Call "DALE"   8-12 BIRGE AVE., WESTFIELD

**Dial 568-8944 or 568-1611**   FAX # 568-1554

Now stocking Car Quest Filters made by WIX, Amalie Oil, Bailing Twine & Tractor Parts



OBITUARY

Cynthia A. Artioli, 54

Cynthia A. Artioli, 54 of Middlefield, passed away March 29, 2021 at her home. Born in Springfield, MA on May 1, 1966. She was the daughter of Sharon Lee Moon Barry and the late Robert Barry.

Cynthia was a graduate of Gateway Regional High School and worked for many years as a waitress at the Dalton Restaurant. Most recently she was employed by Market 32. She loved animals, especially horses, dogs, and cats.

She leaves behind her mother, Sharon Barry and her partner, John Morrow; brother, Robert Barry, Jr., and sister, Tina Cook; four nephews, Ethan and Austin Cook and Sean and Patrick Barry; her aunt, Marion and husband Paul Towers and uncles Walter



Moon and girlfriend Millie Timberlake, Wesley Fanion, Richard Fanion, and Wayne Fanion. She also leaves her great-nieces, Nora and Scarlett, many cousins, extended family members, her former husband Scott Artioli, and her beloved horses, Josie and Jack.

She was predeceased by her father and two siblings, Brenda and David Barry.

Services will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Pioneer Valley Assembly of God, Old Chester Road, Huntington. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the ASPCA in care of Dery-Foley Funeral Home, 890 E. Main St, Dalton, MA 01226.

DEATH NOTICE

ARTIOLI, CYNTHIA A.

Died March 29, 2021  
Service April 8 at 1 p.m.  
Pioneer Valley Assembly of God

Country Journal  
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

WE'VE EXPANDED OUR WEB SITE

# PUBLIC NOTICES

ARE NOW ONLINE

1 Email all notices to [notices@turley.com](mailto:notices@turley.com)

2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.

3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

visit [www.publicnotices.turley.com](http://www.publicnotices.turley.com)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF WORTHINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Worthington Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a Citizen Petition to amend the Zoning By-Law frontage requirements from 400 ft to 280 ft, to be presented at Annual Town Meeting. Preparation of report from the Planning Board to accompany warrant.

The Hearing will be held **Friday, April 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM**. Remote public access will be provided utilizing GoToMeeting virtual software: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/700268037>. To attend via phone dial 646-749-3112; access code: 700-268-037.

A link to the meeting and the text of the Citizen Petition's warrant article for Annual Town Meeting can be found on the Town website's community calendar – by clicking on the date of the meeting.

04/08, 04/15/2021

**Cummington ZBA Hearing Public Notice**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, § 11, the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Community House, 33 Main Street, on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021, starting at 7:00 PM**, to consider the application of Jasa Farms LLC for special permit for a marijuana establishment. Specifically:

1. Seeking relief from Section 10-50.3.a.6. of the zoning bylaw which requires "Marijuana Cultivators shall be capped at Cultivation Tier 3 per lot/site, 10,001-20,000 square foot canopy... in the Town of Cummington.", to allow a cultivation site of

90,000-100,000 square feet, Tier 11;

2. Seeking relief from Section 10-50.3.b.1. "All aspects of the (sic) any marijuana establishment... relative to... cultivation... must take place at a fixed location within a fully enclosed building..." to allow outdoor cultivation;

3. Seeking relief from Section 10-50.3.b.4.b. "No odor from marijuana... can be detected by a person with unimpaired and otherwise normal sense of smell... at any adjoining use or property." to allow outdoor cultivation;

4. and other relief. The complete application is available on the town's website ([www.cummington-ma.gov](http://www.cummington-ma.gov)). The property is located on Bryant Road, Assessor's map 15, lot 4.1 (North side of Bryant Rd. between Potash Hill Rd. and Grout Rd.)

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on these matters should appear at the above-designated time and place. Virtual attendance is also available, there is a link on the town's website.

It is possible that appropriate distancing and/or masks may still be required of all in-person attendees.

Michael Holden, Clerk  
Cummington  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
04/08, 04/15/2021

**INVITATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SUB-BIDS  
TOWN OF WORTHINGTON,  
MASSACHUSETTS  
PROJECT: CONWELL  
SCHOOL – EXTERIOR  
ENVELOPE REPAIRS**

The Town of Worthington, having rejected the sole filed sub-bid for the work described herein under MGL Ch 149, Sect. 44F, and having instructed general bidders to include an allowance for the work

described herein, now invites bids for the following sub-contract work to be performed at the R. H. Conwell Elementary School, located at 160 Huntington Rd, Worthington, MA:

A. Fire Protection work

1. Removal of sprinklers in areas of work (1971 wing).

2. Replumb new sprinkler feeds and heads in area of work and 2 identified locations of corrosion repair.

3. Installation of N2 generator

B. For a detailed description see project specifications Division 21- FIRE SUPPRESSION and project drawings FP-1, FP-2, FP-3, & FP-4 which are available on-line as described below.

**This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid).** All bids shall be submitted online at [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com). Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. Tutorials and Instructions are available online at [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com). For assistance, contact Projectdog Inc. at 978.499.9014.

Bid Documents and Bid Forms are currently available online at [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com). Log in and enter the Project Code **841790** in the search box and select "Acquire Documents" for a free, downloadable bid set. Hard copies of the documents may be purchased online by credit card. A free CD-ROM may be requested by contacting Projectdog – shipping & handling charges apply. Neither Owner nor Architect/Engineer shall be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than Projectdog Inc.

Bidders may obtain one (1) full paper bid set for a refundable deposit of Fifty dollars

(\$50.00) in the form of a certified check or money order payable to Projectdog Inc. Bid sets may be picked up curbside at Projectdog, 18 Graf Rd – Unit 8, Newburyport, MA 01950, or mailed for a non-refundable shipping & handling fee. Contact Projectdog at (978) 499-9014 for shipping amount or curbside pickup logistics. If requesting documents by mail, send cover letter and checks to Projectdog at the aforementioned address. The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to all responsive Bidders who return the documents to Projectdog in good condition within ten (10) days post-bid. Otherwise, the deposit shall become the property of Projectdog Inc.

Sealed bids will be received ON-LINE ONLY in the manner stated in the Instructions to bidders now on file at [www.projectdog.com](http://www.projectdog.com) under the above Project Code until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and available to be read electronically by all interested parties:

**ITEM**  
Bid: Conwell School Exterior Envelope Repairs  
**BID OPENING**  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

**ITEM**  
Sub-bid: Fire Protection-Sprinkler System  
**BID OPENING**  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

**DUE TO PROJECTDOG ON-LINE SYSTEM LIMITATIONS, SUB-BIDS CANNOT BE FILED AND ACCEPTED UNTIL Thursday, APRIL 15, 2021, AT 8:00 A.M.**

Sub-bids will be opened ON-LINE on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Each

sub-bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. Detailed instructions for the furnishing of bid security are available ON-LINE (see also Instructions to Bidders) at [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com).

A Site Visit will be held at **R. H. Conwell Elementary School, 147 Huntington Rd., Worthington, MA on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, G.L. c.149, § 44A through 44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submission requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder against whom the general contractor makes no objection.

Sub-bidders acknowledge that all applicable provisions of the bid documents, and contract documents including all general conditions, supplemental of supplementary conditions, specifications, drawings, attachments, addenda, and sub-bid contract that are contained in the original bid package shall, unless expressly amended here in or in any subsequent addenda, govern the obligations of the successful sub-bidder hereunder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the sub-bids.

All bidders and sub-bidders are advised that FUNDING OF THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION by the Town of Worthington of the full amount required to fund the bids awarded pursuant to this invitation and the prior invitation to general bidders at its Annual Town Meeting, scheduled to occur under town by-law on May 1, 2021.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Worthington, Massachusetts  
By Charley Rose, Chair  
Stephen T. Smith, member  
Amy L. Wang, member  
Its Selectboard

04/08/2021

**\$12.50 Each**

# Digital Photos

TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.

Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications.  
Go to [newspapers.turley.com/photo-request](http://newspapers.turley.com/photo-request)

HISTORY

is reputed to have seen a droshkie or Russian peasant beating his fallen cart horse. Bergh dismounted from his own carriage and intervened, saving the horse from a further beating that day. Upon his return to America in 1865, he stopped in England and met with the president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Once back in New York, Bergh quickly took action to affect the formation of a similar society in the United States."

On April 10, 1866, he founded American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; it became a model for the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

His passion and his accounts of the cruelties suffered by animals enabled him to convince the New York State Legislature to give him a charter to organize the first ASPCA, and to enact the first anti-cruelty law in

the United States.

The ASPCA also got the power to investigate complaints of animal cruelty, and to make arrests. History.com notes that "As the pioneer and innovator of the humane movement, the ASPCA quickly became the model for more than 25 other humane organizations in the United States and Canada."

By the time Bergh died in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union [at that time] had passed anti-cruelty laws."

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children's books that emphasize the importance of American history.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "A Traitor to His Species: Henry Bergh and the Birth of the Animal Rights Movement," 1st Edition, by Ernest Freeberg,

from page 4



# Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us at 413.283.8393

## TAX SERVICES



**2021 TAX TIME**





**CHANTEL BLEAU**  
**ACCOUNTING SERVICES**  
For Full Accounting & Tax Service  
Registered Tax Return Preparer

228 West St., Ware, MA 01082  
**413-967-8364**

Call For An Appointment




The IRS does not endorse any particular individual tax return preparer. For more information on tax preparers go to [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).




588 Center Street  
Ludlow, MA 01056  
[www.ajefinancial.com](http://www.ajefinancial.com)  
**(413)589-1671**

We are here and ready for the 2020 tax filing season!  
Personal, Business, Corporate and Partnership tax filing.  
*Please give us a call at the office or visit our website for our COVID practices.*

**Income Tax Preparation**  
~ 31 years tax experience ~

**Bruce J. Charwick**



62 Jim Ash Road  
**(413) 283-5596** Palmer, MA 01069

**Kitchen Table Taxes**  
Personal & Small Business Tax Returns  
"David The Tax Man"



Tel: 413-289-0058  
Fax: 413-324-2167  
Credit Cards Welcome  
[kitchentabletaxes@gmail.com](mailto:kitchentabletaxes@gmail.com)



**David E. Whitney**  
Enrolled Agent  
Sixty-Five Jim Ash Road  
Palmer, MA 01069-9814  
[www.kitchentabletaxes.com](http://www.kitchentabletaxes.com)

Personal & Small Business Federal & All States

**FAST TAX USA**  
TAX PREPARATION SERVICE  
**413 324-2135**

IRS Certified Tax Preparers  
Independently owned and operated. Over 25 years experience.  
1622 North Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069  
[Fasttax@charter.net](mailto:Fasttax@charter.net)  
Free E-File & Direct Deposit



**TAX-TIME SURVIVAL GUIDE**



Call your local Turley Publications sales representative for information and rates on advertising your tax service here!  
**413-283-8393**

Call Your Local Turley Publications Sales Representative For Information And Rates On Advertising Your Tax Service Here  
**CALL 413-283-8393 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!**

## FOR SALE

**ANTIQUE AND PERIOD CHAIRS**  
- Restored with new woven seats - Many styles and weaves available. Call **(413)289-6670**

**DISH TV - \$59.99** For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call **1-877-925-7371**

**MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY. EXTRAORDINARY** performance. Central Boiler certified Classic Edge Titanium HDX OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. Call today **413-296-4320**.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**A PLACE FOR MOM.** The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is FREE/no obligation. CALL **1-855-799-4127**

**DEALING WITH WATER DAMAGE** requires immediate action. Local professionals that respond immediately. Nationwide and 24/7. No Mold Calls. **1-800-506-3367**

**DO YOU HAVE** chronic knee or back pain? If you have insurance, you may qualify for the perfect brace at little to no cost. Get yours today! Call **1-800-217-0504**

**INVENTORS- FREE INFORMATION PACKAGE** Have your product idea developed affordably by the Research & Development pros and presented to manufacturers. Call **855-380-5976** for a free idea starter guide. Submit your idea for a free consultation.

**LIFE ALERT. 24/7.** One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE brochure. CALL **800-457-1917**

## FOR SALE

**MOBILEHELP, AMERICA'S PREMIER** MOBILE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM. Whether you're Home or Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind. No Long Term Contracts! Free Brochure! Call Today! **1-844-892-1017**

**OXYGEN-ANYTIME. ANYWHERE.** No tanks to refill. No deliveries. Only 2.8 pounds! FAA approved! FREE info kit: Call **1-855-917-4693**

**PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCT,** service or business to 1.7 million households throughout New England. Reach 4 million potential readers quickly and inexpensively with great results. Use the Buy New England Classified Ad Network by calling **(413)283-8393**, [classifieds@turley.com](mailto:classifieds@turley.com). Do they work? You are reading one of our ads now!! Visit our website to see where your ads run [communitypapersne.com](http://communitypapersne.com)

**STAY IN YOUR HOME** longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bath-tub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at **1-866-945-3783**.

**STOP STRUGGLING ON THE STAIRS.** Give your life a lift with an ACORN STAIRLIFT! Call now for \$250. OFF your stairlift purchase and FREE DVD & brochure! **1-844-325-8610**

## WANTED

**OLD CARPENTER TOOLS** wanted. Planes, chisels, axes, etc. Vintage hunting, camping, cast iron cookware. Covid guidelines followed. Call Ken **(413)433-2195**.

## WANTED TO BUY

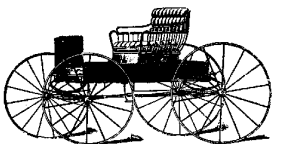
**CASH PAID FOR** Smith & Wesson wooden gun grips. One set or a box full. Call **(413)246-4966**.

## SERVICES



**1\*\*\*\*\*A CALL WE HAUL WE TAKE IT ALL WE LOAD IT ALL**  
Lowest Rates, accumulations, junk, estates, attics, garages, appliances, basements, demo services. 10% disc. with this ad of services. Dumpster Rentals available for rent. All Major CC's  
CALL NOW **(413)531-1936**  
[acallwehaul@gmail.com](mailto:acallwehaul@gmail.com)

**CHAIR SEAT WEAVING & refinishing** - cane, fiber rush & splint - Classroom instructor, 20+ years experience. Call Walt at **(413)289-6670** for estimate.



**WE RENOVATE, SELL & PURCHASE** (any condition) horse drawn vehicles such as sleighs, carriages, surreys, wagons, dr's buggies, driveable or lawn ornaments. Some furniture and other restoration services available. Reasonable prices. Quality workmanship. Call **(413)213-0373** for estimate and information.

**DEMERS & SONS**  
BELCHERTOWN, MA

## CHILD SERVICES

**\*NEW STATE LAW.** Anyone advertising caring of children must list a license number to do so if they offer this service in their own home.

Visit us at  
[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

## FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

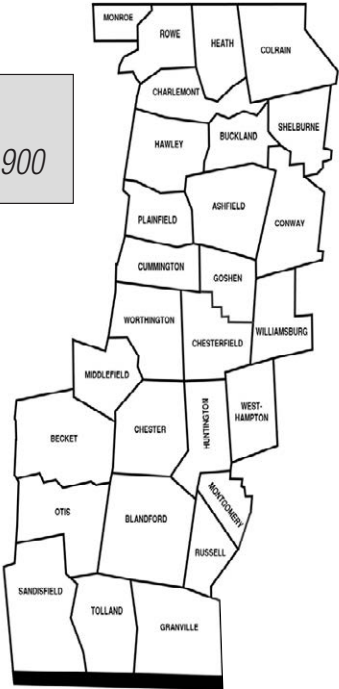
MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069  
or call toll free: 413-283-8393

DEADLINES:

HILLTOWNS – MONDAY AT NOON  
QUABBIN & SUBURBAN – FRIDAY AT NOON

CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	Base Price \$10.00	Base Price \$10.50	Base Price \$11.00
22	Base Price \$11.50	Base Price \$12.00	Base Price \$12.50
23	Base Price \$13.00	Base Price \$13.50	Base Price \$14.00
24	Base Price \$14.50	Base Price \$15.00	Base Price \$15.50
25	Base Price \$16.00	Base Price \$16.50	Base Price \$17.00
26	Base Price \$17.50	Base Price \$18.00	Base Price \$18.50
27	Base Price \$19.00	Base Price \$19.50	Base Price \$20.00
28	Base Price \$20.50	Base Price \$21.00	Base Price \$21.50
29	Base Price \$22.00	Base Price \$22.50	Base Price \$23.00
30	Base Price \$23.50	Base Price \$24.00	Base Price \$24.50
31	Base Price \$25.00	Base Price \$25.50	Base Price \$26.00
32	Base Price \$26.50	Base Price \$27.00	Base Price \$27.50
33	Base Price \$28.00	Base Price \$28.50	Base Price \$29.00
34	Base Price \$29.50	Base Price \$30.00	Base Price \$30.50
35	Base Price \$31.00	Base Price \$31.50	Base Price \$32.00
36	Base Price \$32.50	Base Price \$33.00	Base Price \$33.50
37	Base Price \$34.00	Base Price \$34.50	Base Price \$35.00
38	Base Price \$35.50	Base Price \$36.00	Base Price \$36.50
39	Base Price \$37.00	Base Price \$37.50	Base Price \$38.00
40	Base Price \$38.50	Base Price \$39.00	Base Price \$39.50

Hilltowns  
Circulation: 11,900



Buy the Hilltowns ZONE for \$9.50 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word.  
Add \$10 for a second Zone or add \$15 to run in ALL THREE ZONES.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Weeks: \_\_\_\_\_ X per week rate = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐ Cash ☐ Check# \_\_\_\_\_  
Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First ZONE base price \_\_\_\_\_ Includes additional words  
Add a second ZONE **\$10.00**  
Add a third ZONE **\$5.00**  
Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
x Number of Weeks \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Run my ad in the following ZONE(s):  
☐ Hilltowns  
☐ Suburban  
☐ Quabbin

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!



# Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS  
SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Call us at 413.283.8393

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

## SERVICES

### HOME IMPROVEMENT

**DELREO HOME IMPROVEMENT** for all your exterior home improvement needs. ROOFING, SIDING, WINDOWS, DOORS, DECKS & GUTTERS. Extensive references available. Fully Licensed & Insured in MA. & CT. Call GARY DELCAMP @ **413-569-3733**

**NAWROCKI HOME IMPROVEMENT** Kitchens, bathrooms, replacement windows & doors, roofing, siding, decks, custom woodworking, drywall. Full insured & registered **413-237-2250** Mark

### LANDSCAPING

**T & S LANDSCAPING** Highest quality, lowest price. Serving the Pioneer Valley. Weekly, bi-weekly mowing, Spring, Fall and Gutter clean-ups. **(413)330-3917**

### MASONRY

### STOP WET BASEMENTS

**ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING**

All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call **(413)569-1611, (413)374-5377**

### AUTO

**CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!!** All Makes/ Models 2000-2019! Any Condition, Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: **1-888-513-1505**.

### PETS

### HORSES

**HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS** offered year round at our state of the art facility. Beginner to advanced. Ages 4 years to adult. Boarding, Sales and Leasing also available. Convenient location at Orion Farm in South Hadley **(413)532-9753 www.orionfarm.net**

PLEASE RECYCLE  
THIS NEWSPAPER

## REAL ESTATE

4-5BR 2.5 bath home for sale in Hampden MA. 2800sq ft APO with partially finished basement, barn w/loft and above ground pool. Many recent updates including new granite countertops and deck. \$440,000. Contact Dave at (413)244-4098

### FOR RENT



EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY

**ALL REAL ESTATE** advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

### VACATION RENTALS

**WARM WEATHER IS** Year Round In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available. Sleeps 8. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.

### FOR RENT



All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development "HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

# WILLIAMSBURG

## VOTERS

from page 1

whether the proposal to build the \$5.1 million facility is the best option the town can find. Another resident questioned the price of \$493 per square foot was worth it when more than half of the proposed facility is vehicle bays, with one bay not holding vehicles, but being used for additional equipment storage.

Mathers said Police Chief Denise Wickland and Fire Chief Jason Connell have worked hard to reduce the size of the facility to fit within the town's financial constraints. The Facility has dropped from \$8 million to \$5.1 million and they cut the facility size by 20%.

"They sacrificed a lot and agreed to something smaller that's going to work for them," Mathers said.

Finance Committee Chairman Paul Wetzel said the Finance Committee supported the project with four in favor, three opposed, and two not present. The town will only be borrowing for \$4.1 million as it will allocate \$1 million from the stabilization fund to the project. The 20-year-loan is estimated to have a tax increase of \$290 in the first year for an average valued family home of \$279,000. The average tax increase over the 20 years is estimated to be \$233 per year.

Wetzel added, after the first 10 years, the debt for the Anne T. Dunphy School comes off the books, providing some relief.

"It's true the financing of this building will create tight budgets for the next 10 years," Wetzel said.

The town will also look to sell the current police

and fire facilities. While the building isn't expected to fetch a large amount on the open market, it would get two properties back on the tax rolls.

Additionally, the town plans to look into creating a memorial park with the open space on the HEJ property, which would include incorporating some saved elements from the original building.

"There are pieces of the building we hope to take out and use," said OPMSC Member Jean O'Neil.

A motion to call the question was passed, leading to the deciding vote in favor of the project. The question will now move to a special election ballot for town voters on Monday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mail-in and in-person voting will be available. Questions regarding the ballot vote can be directed to Town Clerk Brenda Lessard at 413-268-8402 or town-clerk@burg.org.

Voters also approved the first article, transferring \$57,073.42 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to cover the balance of the fiscal 2020 sewer service cost assessment to the City of Northampton.

The extra charges were incurred as a result of the town exceeding its biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids amount under its negotiated contract with Northampton. Residents are encouraged to avoid putting anything other than water down their garbage disposals to avoid incurring these additional charges in the future.



Williamsburg residents cast a vote during a special town meeting on Saturday, April 3, behind the Anne T. Dunphy School.  
Photo by Peter Spotts



# GRAND OPENING



## Saturday, April 17th - 3 PM-??

BBQ • Giveaways • Live Music Starting at 6PM Kittie & The Beard

# TARGETED MARKETING



**Turley**  
Publications, Inc.  
www.newspapers.turley.com

LOCAL RESULTS

AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS  
BARRE GAZETTE  
COUNTRY JOURNAL  
CHICOPEE REGISTER  
THE JOURNAL REGISTER  
THE REGISTER

QUABOAG CURRENT  
SENTINEL  
THE HOLYOKE SUN  
WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN TIMES  
TOWN REMINDER  
WARE RIVER NEWS



OPEN EVERYDAY  
10am-7pm  
[www.cannacornerbecket.com](http://www.cannacornerbecket.com)  
**413-770-4bud (4283)**  
3235 Main Street  
Becket, MA 01223  
*Located in the Route 8 Pub  
and Becket Liquors Plaza*  
Your neighborhood dispensary!



3235 Main Street, Becket MA 413\*623\*6026

Open everyday 11am-9pm  
[www.route8pub.com](http://www.route8pub.com)  
**413-623-6026**  
3235 Main Street  
Becket, MA  
*Located in Canna Corner  
Dispensary Plaza*  
American Cuisine  
and Thin Crust  
Sourdough Pizza!  
**FULL BAR**  
**EAT-IN TAKE-OUT**